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The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has started a bank at Cleveland, Ohio. Does it represent labor or capital?

The Baptist Record reported a profit of \$4,000 plus at the recent Convention. The Books store also reported a profit.

Mercer University, the Baptist College for young men in Georgia has 109 young men preparing for the ministry.

Missionary E. N. Walve, born in Clinton, Miss., son of one of our former State Mission secretaries will soon be back in this country on a furlough.

As much is now used by the Home Mission Board for each of the objects, evangelism, mountain schools and enlistment as the total receipts of the Board twenty years ago.

The Convention Board is larger by a good deal, than ever before in its history; one representative from every district association and there are a number of new associations.

Prof. J. M. Cook has accepted the presidency of the Montezuma College (Baptist) of New Mexico. They will spend \$100,000 on repairs and \$25,000 on operating expenses the first year.

The Flora church packed a box for the orphanage last week with clothes and food valued at about \$85.00. The church at Forest was busy packing a box the last we heard of them and it is doubtless in before this.

The editor greatly enjoyed a brief visit to Forrest on the 3rd Sunday to preach for Pastor Williams who was helping another pastor in his mission collections. The Forest saints have a beautiful new house, have had a gracious meeting and are working harmoniously.

Many Mississippi Baptists will recall the ministry of Bro. J. D. Anderson, two decades ago. His passing to the land of light will bring a sadness to many who were helped by him. He has a daughter, Miss Mary, who is a missionary in Canton China. His home for several years past has been in Mobile, Ala.

Brother J. R. Smallwood has given up his work temporarily as a student in the Baptist Bible Institute on account of ill health, and after spending a month with relatives in Laurel will go to Asheville, N. C., for rest. He suffered with bronchitis while in the Navy, 1917-18, and fears the loss of his voice. He hopes to be back in New Orleans for the next session.

From such a source as the Western Recorder, the following reference to the Baptist Record is greatly appreciated:

The "Baptist Record" comes out a convention number, greatly enlarged and filled with useful information. Best of all, this paper always rings true to the once delivered faith. Mississippi Baptists never did a wiser thing than to elect Dr. Lipsey as editor.

The hearts of the people were deeply moved as Dr. Zeno Wall told of the mass of our young preachers at Mississippi College and Clarke Memorial College. They are more in number than in many years. God has called them in answer to our prayers and in response to the great need. They must be assisted to secure the best possible training. The campaign did not secure sufficient to provide for all of them. Some additional gifts will be necessary to enable them to stay in school and God's people ought to be glad to furnish it. We believe they will.

The visit of the Prince of Wales to New Zealand cost that country half a million dollars

The next State Convention is to meet in Jackson and the preacher selected is Pastor Caswell of West Point. Brother J. F. Tull of New Albany is alternate.

Pastor F. W. Gunn of Hickory, says the churches of Newton county will meet at Mt. Pleasant church November 30th, to organize the Newton County Association.

Texas Baptists are doing excellent work among the U. S. soldiers at Fort Bliss, near El Paso, where many men are stationed at all times. Some Mexicans have asked for similar work among their soldiers just across the border.

The church at Bossier City, La., has called our Sunday School evangelist S. G. Posey to its pastorate. We hope he will stay in Mississippi and if he will accept a pastorate, there are churches in Mississippi which will do a good day's work to get him.

The Western Recorder reports a net profit on running expenses for the past year of \$1,300 and an increase of 37 1-2 per cent in circulation over both the former papers. It does look like Convention ownership is more economical, judging from our experience and observation.

Secretary J. Benj. Lawrence calls a meeting of the Convention Board for November 7, at 1:30 P. M. All members are notified hereby to be present.

The Convention Board meets in Jackson Tuesday December seventh. It will be an exceedingly important meeting and it would be well if the churches and all our people should make application and all our people should make special prayers for the wisdom of God to be given.

Brother L. I. Thompson says his Sunday School and church at New Prospect will send \$45.00 to the famine relief about which Missionary H. M. Harris wrote in the Record recently. There was a good attendance at church and Sunday School and two were received by letter.

Our Convention was delighted to welcome a number of distinguished visitors. Drs. Dargan, W. C. James, G. H. Crutches with his quartet from New Orleans, B. D. Gray, T. B. Ray, H. E. Dana, W. E. Farr, and a few who crossed the border from Louisiana contributed greatly to the interest of the meeting.

If any are wondering if there can be any genuine Thanksgiving when the price of cotton has gone down more than half, let us commend the brave words of Habakkuk 3:17: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls. Yet I will rejoice in Jehovah, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

It is a notable and significant fact that Christian Scientists have opened no missions in heathen countries, and that they manifest no interest in the unconverted in this land. They have no interest in, and make no effort to do anything for, the under-world. They are parasites in the religious world, drawing what feeble life they have from other religious bodies. They are proselyters pure and simple, drinking from cisterns which they have not dug, and reaping from fields where they have done no sowing. Ex.

The anti-bolsheviks in the Ukraine have been utterly defeated and the leaders have committed suicide or fled the country.

There are about 2000 students in Baptist Colleges in Kentucky. We would have as many in Mississippi next fall if we had room for them.

All day services were conducted at West Laurel church Sunday the 28th. Brother O'Bryant the enlistment man and Pastor R. R. Jones make a great team.

The meeting at Scoba in which Evangelist Farr, assisted pastor Furr, brought 33 addition and 22 gave their names expecting to join other churches.

Mr. Jno. H. Gunn of Noxapater and Miss Nellie Moore Clark, were married at Kosciusko Nov. 24th. They have our best wishes.

Rev. Roy Chandler of Birmingham, Alabama, was a visitor to the Convention at McComb. Some church in Mississippi ought to bring him back home. He is too good a man to let slip.

The Second Division of the United States Army, Battery E, Fifteenth Field Artillery, boast a mascot in a mule born on the battle field of Verdun, April 16, 1918, and named Mile Verdun, now at Camp Travis, Texas. Long and loud may she sound the victory note.

The election of Dr. A. V. Rowe to the presidency of the Convention was an honor worthily bestowed. He is deep in the hearts of his brethren, and his service as secretary for twenty-one years entitles him to whatever honor Baptists in Mississippi give Heaven's blessing on him.

Dr. Maddry pastor of the University Place Church, Austin, Texas, and now assisting in a meeting at Clinton, has been elected secretary of Missions in North Carolina. Dr. Maddry is a native of North Carolina, a graduate of the State University, and of the Louisiana Seminary. He is a good preacher and a man with a great heart who will fill the office admirably.

Nearly 400 were added to the churches in Chattanooga the first week of the meeting conducted by Home Board Evangelists and the meeting was proceeding with great power at the last report. Some of the evangelistic force will have some open dates after December 13th. Churches wishing their help may wire Dr. W. W. Hamilton in care of Baptist Home Board office in Atlanta.

From an editorial in the Baptist Courier, which we should like to publish entire if there were room, we take the following:

A college to be A-1 must have an endowment of not less than \$300,000.00; it must have at least \$7,500.00 invested in its science department; it must have 7,000 volumes in its library; it must have at least seven teachers in its faculty who hold degrees from A-1 colleges or universities; it must have a sufficient number of teachers to have classes limited in number; it must cut-off, if it has one, its sub-collegiate department, or place it out in separate buildings and under different teaching force; and it must have fifteen units entrance requirement. These are the imperative pre-requisites; and if a college honestly gets into the A-1 class it must have these pre-requisites, not merely on the paper it submits to the Association, but actually existing in the life of the institution. These pre-requisites cannot, for many a school, be produced over night, or by the action of a board of trustees, or by the wish of a president. With many a school which might want very sincerely to be in this class, there must come a period of waiting.

THE CULTIVATION OF GRATITUDE.

Thanksgiving Meditation.

How rare, yet how desirable is gratitude to God. Our lips have the ready "I thank you" for each little human kindness, while the Great Benefactor is, in many hearts at least, either wholly or largely forgotten. The priceless commonplaces of life's everyday; how little do we thank God for them! Yet how much they mean to our welfare, and in what profusion they give us! And if our gratitude is so small when things go well, is it strange that we are unthankful, or even rebellious, when storm-clouds lower about us?

Few things mean so much to one's joy and strength in living as a grateful spirit. No fabled fountain of perpetual youth was ever credited with richer value than will flow, like rills of diamonds, from the spring of an unebbing gratitude. In at least five ways it blesses us.

Undoubtedly gratitude is a duty we owe to God and its payment brings ease of conscience. David and Paul lived a thousand years apart but they both say, "Be ye thankful." God seems somehow to have made this duty clear to each succeeding generation, and any conscience worth having will condemn the man who neglects it.

And gratitude enables the heart to rejoice even in the simplest and saddest things of life. As the gift of a great man is prized, though it be but a trifle, so trivial things of each passing day may acquire a new glory and afford a new joy to the heart which remembers they are all from God and for God. Goethe tells of a wonderful silver lamp which was lighted within a hut and changed all within to silver. There is said to be in Africa a fruit called the "taste berry" because it changes one's taste that everything eaten even for hours afterwards tastes sweet. The silver lamp of experience, the taste berry of the soul, is gratitude to God; it enriches and rejoices the heart by giving new values to life. It may not load our tables, but it gives us keener relish for our usual plain fare. It may not clothe us in costly garment, but it makes us more comfortable in what we can afford. If it does not relieve our irksome tasks, it makes our dreary drudgery a royal service when the angels well might covet. If it does not escape afflictions and temptations, it meets them bravely with a smile and a prayer, as dark-visaged bearers of Heaven's bounty and as opportunities for exercise and development. It may not build for us a palace nor surround us with beauty and song, but it exalts our lives into temples for the Spirits indwelling, brightens them with the beauty of gradual growth in grace and with music of ceaseless praise, and exults in anticipation of a home in the Fairer Land, glorious and eternal. Like the tree that sweetened the waters of Marah, and like Elisha's meal that healed the poisonous pestage, the wearing, bitter, deadly things of life are robbed of their terror and transmuted into tokens of grace by the heart's blessed alchemy of gratitude.

Against sin, and especially the sin of covetousness, there are few mightier defenses than a truly thankful heart. The child who has plenty of wholesome food will hardly be disposed to eat dirt. The ship with Orpheus on board has little to fear from the winds. And the grateful heart so magnifies its "lilies" that it forgets to covet its neighbor's "much," illuminating the cottage with a light so clear and steady that little time is wasted at the door of a but fleeting glare from the windows of the worldling's mansion.

We can scarcely overestimate the value of gratitude as a source of winsomeness and charm. "Praise is comely," and he who acquires this fine, high art, draws others to himself and to God. I know a brilliant preacher today whose cynicism is leading him to failure.

Particular interest attaches to the fact that a grateful spirit means strength and effectiveness in our service. Valuable is the man who sings at his work. It is said that Leonardo da Vinci kept a lyre beside him as he painted to refresh himself at times with music. "The joy of the Lord is your strength," and Nehemiah's words are Heaven's

message to my heart. For the sake of God's work and our efficiency in it we must cultivate the grace of gratitude.

The thankful spirit is not a product of years or of circumstances. "How much will I have to be grateful for?" exclaimed the youth, "when I am rich and do not have to work." How much I had to be thankful for?" cries the millionaire, "when I was young and strong enough to work!" Palace life was "vexation of spirit" to Solomon, while Paul, out of countless hardships and trials, could shout, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content."

"Two men looked forth from prison bars,

The one saw mud, the other stars."

How suggestive is the contrast between Winans, the wealthy dyspeptic of Baltimore, who said, "I would give a million dollars if I could eat a piece of bread and butter," and General Beaver, the uncowed cripple, who said, "I won this crutch at Chancellorsville."

Of course in its embryo gratitude is a gift from God; but this gift, like that which Timothy possessed, can be "stirred up," cultivated and developed. Jehovah abhors hypocrisy, and his insistence that we "in everything give thanks" implies beyond question that thankfulness of spirit is a grace which thrives under culture. This culture is well worth our best attention, and may be said to include trustful fellowship with God and such control of thought and speech as His grace will make possible.

Life's darkest clouds yield their secrets to the telescope of faith. The beleaguered spirit finds itself surrounded by a host of unseen guardians. Fidelity is thrown into the fiery furnace but the Son of God becomes its Comrade and Deliverer. Such a way has our Father of bringing good out of evil that His children at last learn to trust Him and even "rejoice in tribulations." The burgo-master of Hamburg once said to the heroic Oncken, "Do you see that little finger? As long as I can move that finger I will put down the Baptists." "Yes" replied Oncken, "I see your little finger, and I also see a great arm which you cannot see. As long as God's great arm is lifted on our behalf, your little finger will have no terror for us."

A habit helpful to the cultivation of gratitude is that of looking for—and thinking of—one's blessings. "Seek and ye shall find." Many priceless mercies slip through our lives unnoted.

"Count your many blessings; name them one by one;

And it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

Thinking at times of earth's unfortunates will stir our hearts to kindness and quicken our sense of Heaven's goodness to us, while a look into the so-called "good old times" will make us glad that we escaped them.

But to master the art of thankfulness one must learn to talk happiness and to smile as he talks. Bad weather, hard times, high prices or a low state of health—the facts may be very real, but it is neither a Christian duty nor a special obligation, nor a means of relief to unload them upon our friends. It is only a disagreeable habit—a habit that will grow until it hardens and embitters the heart, and makes its victim a pest to all about him. How beautiful was the spirit of the little London waif who said, "I am a cripple and one of my brothers a consumptive. Mother is blind and father nearly blind. But I have one brother quite well, isn't that jolly?"

Yes, let us practice gratitude by talking happiness and smiling and singing and whistling; the joy we give to others will react upon ourselves. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!" And when the night is starless and the way is lonely and long, let us think back to old Philippi's dungeon and join Paul and Silas in their midnight thanksgiving service. The God "who giveth songs in the night" will hush the angel choirs that He may listen to our sweeter praise; a deeper solace and trust and strength will come to our yearning hearts, and the prisoners of sin and sorrow about us will listen and wonder and be blessed.

DISCOVERING AND CALLING OUT MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS.

J. F. Love, Cor. Sec'y.

There is evident a growing realization on the part of pastors and denominational leaders generally of their duty to call out the called for Christian service. It is also becoming plain that there is slumbering in the hearts of great numbers of our young people unspoken desire for higher Christian life and distinctive Christian service. Add to these two facts the utmost need for Christian workers at home and the vast fields of missionary opportunity abroad, and we shall get some conception of the great importance of cultivating the art of discovering men and women for Christ's service and of making such approach to them as will help them over their timidity and indecision, and lead them into the service to which they are called. But in the case of our Foreign Mission work it is highly important that pastors and leaders shall understand not only something of the great need, but of the classes of men and women who are needed for this work and the necessary qualifications for it. I am, therefore, offering the following as guiding principles both for pastors and Christian leaders and for young men and women who have a consciousness that God wants them for Christian service and a desire to do His will.

CLASSES OF WORKERS WANTED FOR OUR FOREIGN FIELDS.

1. Evangelists. We need men and women with hot hearts and warm passion for the lost, and who will incessantly search for them in the nooks and corners. Millions are waiting to be sought out and led out of heathen and papal darkness into the liberty of the Sons of God.

2. We need teachers for our mission schools. The Christian school performs a great service in the initial steps of work on the mission fields in that it gives training to the natives, leads them to Christ, deepens their religious life, clarifies Christian truth, and turns them out for effective service among their own people.

3. We need doctors. All our hospitals are undermanned and itinerating physicians are needed in connection with every one of them. Multitudes, multitudes of afflicted men and women are the victims of ignorant native doctors, and in their suffering call loudly to young men in the homeland who have given their lives to the service of healing.

4. We need trained nurses. Many of our doctors are handicapped for lack of assistants. There is here a field for a beautiful Christian service by many young women who have felt the call of human suffering and are waiting to choose their fields of service.

5. We need two or three architects. The mission boards with scarcely an exception have all thrown away money in the erection of buildings without skilled superintendence. The young man who is qualified for this work, and gives himself to the service of planning and erecting buildings in which the gospel shall be preached, hospitals where the suffering are nursed and cured, schools where natives are trained for Christian service, will render great and genuine missionary service. This class of work will insure economy in the expenditure of money which consecrated men and women have given to the cause, and furnish necessary facilities for those who preach, teach and practice the gospel.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THESE WORKERS

In some particulars the qualifications for work on the foreign field are more invariable and necessary than for work on the home field, although, of course, in many respects there is no difference. We may name the following as indispensable qualifications:

1. Christian character which includes piety, a devotional Christian life, spirituality, and a daily Christian behavior which speaks a silent but effectual message for Christ, even to those whose tongues the missionary cannot speak and who cannot understand his own.

2. A working knowledge of Christian truth.

The missionary, whether he be evangelist, teacher, doctor or architect, should have such acquaintance with his New Testament as to enable him to lead a soul to Christ wherever he finds one who is inquiring the way.

3. General education. There can be, of course, no strictly hard and fast rule governing educational qualifications. It is plain that those who go out to do technical work must have technical training equal to that which is necessary to the same line of work at home. There is some variability in the requirements for certain forms of work, but every volunteer should secure the best possible education, and each one will find use for all he has. He will also find that a good education will make him feel more at home among the educated classes with whom the missionaries have social and personal contact on foreign fields.

4. There is an age limit which volunteers and those who seek to call them out should remember. That young person who has not finished his education before he is thirty-three years of age, or who cannot finish it by that time, need scarcely apply to the Foreign Mission Board for appointment. The Board has rarely sent out a missionary who has past thirty-four years of age. It has been found that beyond this age it is well nigh impossible for men and women to learn the difficult foreign languages.

5. Health. The Board does not make any appointments until careful examinations have been made by competent physicians and the Board's own physician has recommended the appointment. The expense of sending missionaries to the fields is too great for the Board to incur in cases of doubtful ability to endure the work and to resist climatic changes. This need not discourage any would-be volunteer, but only suggests that the medical examination is necessary and appointment is conditioned on the doctor's report as well as other matters. The doctor frequently discovers that some whose friends think they are not strong enough for the work are really of tough fibre and give promise of long years of service.

6. Last but not by any means the least important qualification, is soundness of view concerning the saving message which the missionary goes forth to bear. The Foreign Mission Board may be misjudged by some who do not understand it, but it is fully committed to the appointment of those only who hold firmly and are prepared to teach frankly the essential doctrines of our Christian faith. Great numbers of experienced missionaries on the mission fields are already importuning mission boards not to commission for service on their fields those whose faith in evangelical truth has been vitiated or weakened.

The above are in brief some of the classes of missionaries the Foreign Mission Board needs in large an increasing numbers, and if necessary qualifications of those who would in this service make profitable and fruitful investment of their lives. We suggest that these facts be brought to the attention of our young people throughout the South, including those who have finished their school and those who are in our schools, and many who are still in the homes but looking forward to school life and service for Christ beyond the school days. A wonderful opportunity is given pastors and Christian workers to multiply themselves in Christian service and replenish the waste places by searching out and calling out the called. We earnestly hope that the above suggestions may be helpful to these and to our young people themselves. May the Spirit of our God come upon the young manhood and womanhood of our churches, our schools and homes, and may the feet of many of them be obedient and beautiful as the feet of those who carry good tidings!

Probably one of the most fruitful sermons any man could preach would be a sermon on the theme which has been chosen for this paper, and one of the most profitable pieces of pastoral work would be of spying out and interviewing promising young men and women on this matter of a life of distinctive Christian service.

ROUMANIAN BAPTISTS.

By E. Y. Mullins

The Balkan States have been called "the cockpit" of Europe, because it has been the arena for so many bloody conflicts. It is now one of the finest mission fields on earth. Roumania fared well at the Peace Table in Paris. She has new territory from Hungary and Bucovina and Besarabia on the north and east. Many millions were added to the population, which is 17,000,000.

We arrived in-Bucarest, the capital, October 3d, and held a conference with representatives from every part of the country. Then we went to Transylvania on the north, where new territory from Hungary was acquired. We have been greatly favored. The Board sent Rev. J. R. Socacin, of Detroit, a native Roumanian, as interpreter. He speaks Roumanian, English and Hungarian, and is now with us in Hungary. He has been of incalculable value. Alive with zeal and fluent speaker, he is a most capable interpreter. He is a last year's graduate of the Seminary at Louisville. Roumanian Baptists are a remarkable people. We preached, or held conference, in Curtici, in Arod, in Buteni, and in Siria, after leaving Bucarest. Thirty years ago the work started. Fiery evangelists swept through Transylvania preaching the Gospel of the New Testament. Every convert seemed to become a propagandist. The movement was just like that of the New Testament; like sparks in every direction when you strike a live coal, so these Baptists spread the truth everywhere until they numbered 13,000 members, 90 churches and 500 preaching stations. There are also a number of German-speaking and Hungarian-speaking churches. They are organized into a general Convention, with Rev. Constantin Adorian of Bucarest as President, and an Executive Committee of 35 representing all parts of the territory.

HOW THEY BECAME BAPTISTS.

Dr. A. T. Robertson once said in a public address: "Given a man with the New Testament in his hand and a conscience in good working order, and the result will be a Baptist." The Roumanians are Baptists from conviction. They believe in the New Testament teachings. They accept the fraternal address in every statement. Spontaneously, like the New Testament Christians, they simply followed Christ and the New Testament and there was but one result possible.

STORIES OF HEROISM.

The history of the Roumanian Baptists teems with narratives of heroic devotion. One man, uneducated and yet very efficient, full of enthusiasm and power has, single handed, evangelized a whole region and won 2,000 converts. A young woman from Besarabia persecuted and driven from home, has amid trials told the story of Jesus wherever she has gone to great crowds of eager women. She spoke to the closing conference at Siria and swept the audience with mighty power as she told of her exile from home for Jesus' sake, and her labors for the Master. She had the influence of Frances Willard, the simple-hearted, self-forgetfulness of a child, and a passion which reminded one of Joan of Arc. She is literally conquered by truth. I have her story and others in detail. I merely give a passing glimpse. Educate that girl and she will shine as a great light for Christ among her people.

They told us there is religious liberty in Roumania, meaning that the Greek Catholic Church is the state church and tolerates other denominations so long as "they do not interfere with the prestige" of the state church. But Baptists know what it means. Ten of them are now in jail for preaching; six of them have been in prison 3 months and some 6 months. All these are from one town. Imprisonment does not daunt them. The labors of these Roumanian Baptists are successful. They baptized 770 converts in 1917. In the present year there have already been 500 baptisms.

CROWDS AND CROWDS OF PEOPLE

Wherever we went churches were packed to the doors, men and women being present in about equal numbers. Farmers clad in their long white togas after the old Roman fashion, streamed in. Great crowds of young people led the singing.

They were placed on both sides of the pulpit in all the churches, and have the task of leading the singing. And how they and the congregation do sing. They remind you of singing in our Southern congregations at their best. Dr. Gambrell told them he did not know of any who could beat them singing except the negroes of the South. We were greeted with "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Alas, and did My Savior Bleed," "When Peace Like a River," and other familiar tunes and yet these churches in many instances are without hymn books. A few hymns are written out by hand and lined out from a single copy by the preacher or leader.

Our Baptist church houses are good large buildings in a number of cases, as at Curtici, Buteni, and Siria. At Bucarest, the capital, there is sore need of a new building. The church worships in a little room above a store and is hard to reach. At Curtici Baptists are the leading denomination. We met there the most prominent Roumanian layman. His name is Theodore Sida. He has been a Baptist twenty-six years. He was elected Mayor of the town against his will some years ago, and he broke up Sabbath desecration. His town tried to get him to run for Mayor at the last election, but he refused. The candidate who abused the Baptists in his campaign was defeated. He is getting ready to move away.

A RIPE HARVEST FIELD.

Roumania is ripe for the sickle. I have never seen greater eagerness and intensity or keener appreciation. We called for volunteers among the young people for places in a possible training school and we had at least a hundred responses. There are scores and hundreds of young men and women ready to enter freely the Lord's work. A school could be filled in a little while. There are untrained workers already in the field who could be educated for greater efficiency. The whole body of Baptist people seems to be not only ready but eager and anxious to go forward with their work. They are poor but do not belong to the lowest orders of society. They belong to the middle stratum, people who think and act for themselves. The ignorant peasantry is greatly priest-ridden, but they can be reached.

It is impossible to give all the interesting facts about Roumania. We have visited more than a dozen countries in Europe, and I do not hesitate to say from a two weeks tour among the Baptists in Roumania that the latter is the finest Baptist opening we have seen with the possible exception of Hungary, which Dr. Gambrell will tell about in another letter. The fruit is very ripe, hangs very low, and is of the finest quality, with unlimited possibilities of growth, indicated everywhere. Hungary and Roumania are exceptionally inviting to Southern Baptists.

THE NEEDS.

First and foremost, a training school for preachers and workers; perhaps at Bucarest, the capital, it should be located, but there should be immediate steps taken to establish it.

Second, Reinforcement of evangelistic effort. Money can most profitably be spent to aid the evangelists. A leader for the work from America could greatly help in organizing and projecting the work on wise lines. Several schools will be necessary in due time.

Third, printing presses and literature. They are in great need. They are a reading people. The children are educated in the public school. Christian Science, Russellism, and Seventh Day Adventism are doing all in their power to pervert our converts.

Fourth, there is need of men and women workers from America. It is a very promising field for the women workers.

Fifth, new church buildings. These will be needed in increasing numbers.

Roumania is a big challenging field for Baptists. We must not delay, and we must take hold with vigor. A boundless harvest awaits us if we are wise and seize the golden hour for the Master. Venice, October 25.

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EDITORIAL.

TO AVOID CONFUSION

It is not surprising that amid the many voices raised in behalf of the needy and the many hands stretched for aid, some people may be confused as to how they shall respond. This is written in no effort to comfort the man who is looking for an excuse for refusal to help, but to assist the man who wants to make his contributions to help others accomplish the most good.

We are in sympathy with every effort to bring relief to the suffering and every organization that is honestly endeavoring to minister to the world's need. But sometimes we must make choice of the avenue through which our aid shall be extended. Then we must choose the better way.

There are two considerations that will guide us in determining how our efforts shall be expended. First, we who are Christians will desire above everything else to honor the Lord in what we do. Paul in Colossians writes, (3:2): "Whatsoever ye do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Again in the 23rd verse he says, "Whatsoever ye do, work heartily as unto the Lord, and not unto men." Now it may be true that one may make a gift to a good cause through an organization that is not specifically Christian, and do it because the love of Christ constrains him, and because he wishes to please the Lord. But so far as others are concerned they do not think of it as a service rendered in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are to honor Him not only in the secret of our own hearts, but also openly and purposely before men. Jesus says, "Thus let your light shine before men with the purpose that they seeing your good works may glorify your Father who is in Heaven."

The churches are the normal method through which the Lord does his work. They constitute the body of Christ; they are the fulness of Him who filleth all things, who supplies every need. They are the reservoirs and conduits of His grace. It is their purpose that in all things He may have the preeminence. It is in and through the organizations which they maintain that His name may be most truly and greatly honored. Any preference for some other method, and mistrust one may feel at the claim of the church to be the chief instrument of His ministry betrays a lack of devotion to the person of Christ or an unwillingness to cooperate with him.

Another consideration that should enter into the decision of what agency we shall use to do our benevolent work is which one is the most efficient. It would seem a justifiable conclusion that that is the most efficient agency which has the approval and cooperation of the Almighty God and His Son Jesus-Christ. If the church is his body then it is certain he will work through it. Furthermore the churches are by their very nature permanent and not a merely emergency expedient. The war called into existence or gave special prominence to certain organizations for benevolent and semi-religious work. Some of these performed their work ad-

mirably. But they are more or less in the nature of emergency measures. The churches must assume their God-given responsibility of permanent ministry to the world's need; and because they are permanent organizations they can perform the work more efficiently and economically. War was a costly and awkward business for the United States because we are unaccustomed to it and do not wish to get accustomed to it. So any emergency organizations which may be necessary for the time being will prove more expensive and less efficient than a permanent organization.

These things are written because just now appeals are being made by and for all sorts of organizations proposing to give relief to the suffering at home and abroad. Baptists have an efficient organization for giving relief to the needy in Europe and Asia. Our Foreign Mission Board in Richmond is doing the work. Our missionaries on the fields where famine is killing its hundreds, are day by day giving relief. There is no new organization necessary. We have simply to use the organization which is already at hand. The Foreign Mission Board purchases supplies at government cost and they are distributed through our men on the field, already in touch with the people. You read in the Record the appeal of Bro. H. M. Harris in China. Send your offering to the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond and tell them what it is for.

THE TIGER AT YOUR DOOR

It is wonderful how full of the initial truths of revelation are the first few chapters of Genesis. There is hardly a great truth of the Bible but may trace its first mention to these chapters. Among these is the teaching about sin and its inworking and outworking. Not about all even of this one thing can we now speak, but as to its nature as revealed to and in Cain.

Someway Cain had gotten at cross purposes with God. There is where it begins with all of us. He was a worshipper. As we would say today, he was a regular church goer. He went through the form of worship, bringing the fruit of the ground as an offering; for he was a tiller of the ground. For some reason his offering did not find acceptance. There was a difference between his and Abel, a difference in the men and in the offerings which they brought. The New Testament tells us that "By faith, Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts." Cain saw the difference and was angry and jealous. It was while he was in this mood that God spoke to him.

Here is what God says about sin: "Why art thou wroth, and why is thy countenance fallen. If thou doest well, shall thou not be accepted. And if thou doest not well, sin croucheth at the door. And unto thee shall be its desire; and do thou rule over it." Here are several things about sin we need to know, and God is our teacher.

First is the truth that sin is a matter of individual responsibility. Cain had no right to complain of Abel and he had no right to complain of God. It is a part of the deceitfulness of sin to make a man believe that somebody else is at fault. You need not look around you to find the trouble. You need not look up as if you would put the responsibility on God. All you have to do is to look inside. If thou doest well shall thou not be accepted? God is not going to reject you without cause. He is not an arrogant arbitrary despot showing favors and frowns without cause. God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation, he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is acceptable to him." If there is something wrong, the better way will be to look within, to acknowledge it and turn from it and seek forgiveness.

But if thou doest not well, what then? God said to Cain, "If thou doest not well, sin croucheth at the door." He had brought a new and fearful thing into existence. Then it was a tiger at his door, ready to spring upon him whenever he started out. The consequence of doing wrong is that we bring into existence. There it was a tiger at his door, gets our every movement and threatens us every

moment. It is there for the rest of life and is to be reckoned with. There is no dodging it, or doubting it or denying it. We may put ourselves to sleep, but sin is still there, ready to spring upon us. How awful and how real an experience this is! It cannot be expelled. Paul in the seventh chapter of Romans gives a vivid account of his experience with it.

But we are not therefore helpless nor in despair. Sin is a terrible reality, a mighty enemy, lurking, sneaking. But we are not helpless; we are not ne-crouching, watchful, furtive, subtle, sleepless, cessarily doomed to its assault and control. Here is what God says: "Unto thee shall be its desire, and do thou rule over it." A tiger can be caged and controlled. Sin can be overcome. It may not be eradicated, but it can be subdued. Paul said: "Sin shall not have dominion over you"—having been made free from sin." "That which the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His Own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin condemned sin in the flesh that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

God sought to call forth the faith and will of Cain but Cain turned away and became a murderer. The sin which crouched at the door sprang upon him and made him its victim. In this era of grace, when we may be strong in the Lord and in the might of his strength, there is no reason for men to be its victims.

TAKING IT IN

Meditation is a mental process analogous to digestion in the body. In digestion the bodily organs work naturally and without strained effort. In meditation, such as we do to assimilate the Word of God, the mind is taking in and working over the truth that we read or that is preached to us. You have perhaps caught yourself reading the Bible without masticating it with the mind. People do not digest even milk if it is not taken up into the blood and deposited in tissue throughout the body. For this reason it is held for a long time in the body making its way through a canal several times the length of the body itself. If the milk were poured through a straight tube it would do us no good. The element of time and the contact with the delicate blood vessels are necessary. There must even be a conscious deliberate effort to chew the food. It must have taste to it and furnish pleasure as it satisfies the appetite.

In the three accounts of the parable of the sower as given in Matthew, Mark and Luke, the good ground is said by one to represent those who understand the word; by another to represent those who receive it or take it in; by another to represent those who keep it. These three things are involved in meditation. You don't have to be shut off by yourself to meditate. You may actually need somebody to stir you up to think; for thinking is what it is that is wanted. The mind must be awakened and set to work and something must be furnished it to work on.

Much of every good sermon is in danger of being wasted because the people's minds are not at work; or they are not at work on what the preacher is talking about. The preacher must see to it that he connects with the people. He may be going through his whole sermon alone, having left the people on a side track somewhere or in an eddy. A man may be perfectly well behaved at church and his mind asleep or a thousand miles away. Preacher and hearer must both strive to correct this. If a preacher would stop in the midst of his sermon for sixty seconds, it might result in getting attention. Unless the mind of the man in the pew is working with the mind of the man in the pulpit neither one is getting anywhere. Better wait till he catches up. Better still see what's locking the wheels of his mind and try to get them in motion. A little lubricating oil put in his mental machinery, by way of illustration, may help. A jolt on his head in the shape of a question might knock the rust off and start him going. Something must be done to get him to take it in.

OUR RETIRING SECRETARY

It now seems settled that Dr. Benj. Lawrence will accept the pastorate of the church at Shawnee, Oklahoma, and begin his work with these people January first. The Convention Board at its meeting in McComb and the State Convention did what they could to keep him in Mississippi. Resolutions were passed protesting against his going and pledging him the most cordial co-operation if he should remain in his present office. It was hoped until the Convention was over that he might yet see it his duty to continue the work he has carried forward so well. But accepting what he believes to be the will of God he has indicated his acceptance of the work in Oklahoma.

It has been with him and with those close to him and with all who are interested in the work in Mississippi, a time of deep concern. The work has prospered marvelously in the seven years of his administration. The figures are not at hand that mark the progress of the work, but enough is known of them and of the general conditions of all the work, to show a wonderful record. The writer has watched at close range the development of the organized work in the state for a good many years and it has been a source of increasing joy and gratification to witness the enlargement in every direction. Seven years Dr. Lawrence has been the executive officer of the Convention Board and has proven himself a genius in administration. He men and sees needs and opportunities. He knows how to get others to work and he knows how to make a dollar do its full amount of work. He is equally at home on the platform and in the office. He has both the excellent qualities of aggression and conservatism. He can see ahead and be ready to meet what he anticipates.

His heart turns to the pastorate and the church at Shawnee furnishes him a great opportunity. There are 1200 members and the Baptist University of Oklahoma is hardly with a good student body. Already he has been made a member of the Board of Trustees. He will carry with him the esteem and the benediction of Mississippi Baptists.

A long time ago a man named Aesop wrote a fable about a wolf who wished to eat a lamb and so picked a quarrel with him because he was muddying the brook by crossing it while the wolf was drinking. The lamb plead in vain that he was not interfering with the wolf inasmuch as he was crossing the stream below the place where the wolf was drinking. This did not satisfy the wolf for he wanted to eat the lamb anyway and he did. This fable came to mind when we heard a few days ago that some one was saying he did not propose to pay his subscription to the 75 million campaign, because the ratio of division between the colleges had been changed. Please observe that this ratio was not decided upon until after the money had been subscribed. Please observe again that the ratio has not been changed at all. The ratio of forty per cent to Mississippi College, twenty each to Blue Mountains and the Woman's College, ten per cent to Clarke College, five per cent to Ministerial Education and five per cent to Administration expenses stands just like it was made nearly a year ago. For two reasons the claim of the Woman's College will have prior attention in the time of payment if necessary. First because it was an obligation assumed before the campaign was launched, being in the form of a contract between citizens of Hattiesburg who paid \$50,000 and the Education Commission which promised to pay \$150,000. The second reason is that this is a bonded indebtedness for which the College is liable to be sold if it should not be met promptly. The Woman's College trustees asked for a re-portionment but it was refused. If all the money is paid which was subscribed, every college will get all it is promised. If any college does not get the full amount promised it remains a debt of the denomination which will have to be met later. This is no time for slackers.

Department of the Convention Board

J. BENJ. LAWRENCE, Cor. Sec'y.

CELEBRATING VICTORY WEEK.

Plan of the Hazlehurst Church

The following outline of the plan of the Hazlehurst church for celebrating Victory Week was prepared for publication last week, but was crowded out by the report of the State Convention. We give it this week in the hope that it may yet encourage other churches to undertake a similar program.

Monday, Nov. 11.—A meeting of the deacons, church officers, and heads of departments for the purpose of outlining plans for Victory Week.

Sunday, Nov. 21.—Sermon by the pastor on the Grace of Giving, reinforced by the reading of outstanding Scriptures on stewardship and giving by several laymen of the church.

Monday, Nov. 22.—Meeting of the deacons and advisory committee to discuss current expense member canvass and for rounding up collection of all pledges on 75 Million Campaign.

Monday, Nov. 29.—Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society devoted to a discussion of the 75 Million Campaign.

Tuesday, Nov. 30.—Meeting of the Worker's Council devoted to a discussion of the "Sunday School and the 75 Million Campaign."

Wednesday, Dec. 1.—Mid-week service devoted to inspirational and practical addresses by four or five laymen of the church on the 75 Million Campaign.

Friday, Dec. 3.—A "Marshmallow Toast" given by the young people of the church, which, aside from the social feature, was devoted to a discussion of the "Young People and the 75 Million Campaign."

Sunday, Dec. 5.—Home Coming Day. Sermon by the pastor at the morning hour on the great theme of Home, from the subject, "My Part in the Home Life." Also a roll call of the church membership. The evening service of this day devoted to sacred song.

Sunday, Dec. 12.—Every-member canvass for current expense; general round-up of the 75 Million Campaign.

It will be seen that this program covers a full month. No feature of preparation is lacking. Care is given to reaping the results. Letters were sent out to every member. Printed programs were prepared for the Home Coming Day services.

The Hazlehurst church was without a pastor when the 75 Million Campaign was put on, but they subscribed considerably more than their quota. They expect to collect every cent due by the close of the year.

THEIR NEW PASTOR

The pastor at Hazlehurst, Dr. Frank Moody, Purser, is a son of the late D. I. Purser and nephew of our own beloved R. H. Purser who is now pastor at Magnolia and of John Purser who has for many years been president of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta. He is an A.B. graduate of the University of Alabama of the class of 1908, and Th. D. graduate of the Seminary at Louisville, of the class of 1913. From 1913 to 1918 he was attached to the Educational Department of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, resigning to enter the army as chaplain where he served with the rank of first lieutenant from April, 1918, to May, 1919, doing transport duty, making in all four trips across the Atlantic. After leaving the army he was appointed Publicity Director for the 75 Million Campaign in Florida, coming immediately from that work to the pastorate at Hazlehurst.

Will some brother please mail to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Jackson, Miss., a copy of the Baptist State Convention annual for 1911.

Don't fail to order envelopes and record books for the 75 Million fund for next year. The time is close at hand. Order from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. We recommend the "Uniform Treasurers Record." It is the simplest and easiest to keep. When opening books for another year carry forward the full five-year pledge of the subscriber and the full amount of his payments.

When making up your current expense budget for the coming year be sure to put the cost of the Baptist Record in as one item of expense and send the paper—your paper, our paper,—to every home in your membership. No church can make a better investment.

Every subscriber to the 75 Million Campaign should pay every cent due on his pledge if he has to go to the bank and borrow money to do it. No obligation could be more sacred and binding.

If for any reason your church failed to put on a Victory Week, it is not too late; put it on next week, or the next.

We were visiting a church recently and when the pastor was making his announcements he called attention to a special article on a certain page in the last issue of the Baptist Record and urged his people to be sure to read the article carefully. That is one way to get your people to read the Record. Every home in this church receives the Baptist Record at the expense of the church.

The First Church in Hattiesburg was among the first to put the Baptist Record into the budget, and they have a membership growing in every way. Pastor Yarborough is a great general.

Last Spring at the State Convention of the Women's Missionary Union, the president, Mrs. A. J. Aven, made an appeal and recommendation in behalf of our young women who have answered the call of God to Christian service, and are in our colleges preparing themselves for the work. Then at the recent Convention at McComb, this information was brought to our attention in the reports on Ministerial Education and on the W. M. U. The way to help has apparently not been found yet, but was referred to the Convention Board for further consideration. We hope relief may be secured.

Rev. T. J. Moore declines the call of the Wesson Baptist church to continue as pastor after the close of this year. The church has made good progress along all lines under Brother Moore's leadership and is well organized for successful work under an incoming leader.

The Baptist Book Store has a limited stock of Lesson helps for 1921. Prices for Peloubets or Tarbill's \$2.00 each, and ten cents extra for postage; Arnold's Commentary, 90c and 5c for postage; Torrey's Gist, or Moore's Points for Emphasis, 40c each and 3c for postage. Postage will be more when this stock is exhausted and they have to be sent from the publisher.

Evangelist T. T. Martin is now in a meeting at Beaumont, Tex. He comes from there to be with Pastor R. B. Gunter at Carthage. He expects soon to spend three months in evangelistic work in Northern California. The Baptists out there want him for state evangelist but he preferred his present arrangements.

OUR NEW EUROPEAN TERRITORY—No. 4.
HUNGARY.

J. F. LEE, Cor. Sec'y.

Hungary comprises a territory of 53,000 square miles. The new nation was carved out of the old Austria-Hungary. The country has a population of 7,000,000. In fixing the new national boundaries much of Hungarian territory and population was transferred to Roumania. Austria was reduced to still smaller proportion both in territory and population.

There is no lack of religious sects in Hungary. A half dozen of the larger denominations given in the order of their numerical strength, is as follows: Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics, including the Orthodox sect, Lutherans, Reformed Calvinists, Jews and Baptists. In the old Hungary we had 22,000 church members, but many of these are now within the nation of Roumania. The present church membership is estimated at 11,000. Budapest, the capital city is near the center of our Baptist life and influence.

Baptist work in Hungary began in 1873, and until the outbreak of the war was carried on without outside help. The progress made is highly commendable to the missionary and evangelistic spirit of Hungarian Baptists when one takes into account the conditions under which they have done their work. Intolerant priests and fanatical subjects of the Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic powers have made it inevitable that experiences of Baptists in their early history in other countries should be repeated here, but like their spiritual kinsmen, Hungarian Baptists have been indomitable in claiming their own souls and the right to worship God according to the dictates of their consciences.

The war wrought havoc with religious work and claimed the lives of many of our Baptists people. Nevertheless, notwithstanding the losses to other countries by the resulting of national boundaries, there are now more than 500 Baptist churches and missions in Hungary. For all these and to do mission work for which new opportunities have been made, there are 3 ordained ministers. There are estimated to be twice this number who are kept out of the work for lack of support for their families. There are 5 candidates for the ministry, six of these in school. Preachers and church members are evangelists and evangelistic. Says one who has large acquaintance with Hungarian Baptists, "We do not differ from the American Baptists. We hold fast the Orthodox Baptist views."

Until recently Hungarian Baptists were divided into two bodies. These have recently united and they are getting ready with great heartiness for co-operation with Southern Baptists.

At a great sacrifice Hungarian Baptists are conducting a theological seminary near Budapest, supporting a small orphanage, an Old People's Home, and circulating literature, including the publication of several periodicals for use in Sunday schools and general circulation. As a sign of their activity during the war and with all their handicaps, they circulated 1,386 Bibles, 13,666 testaments, 43,972 Bible chapters, gave away 28 Russian Bibles, 245 Russian New Testaments, 20 Bulgarian Testaments, 20 Roumanian testaments, distributed 26,000 tracts and 18,932 postcards with Bible sentences thereon. Many Russian prisoners were converted in Hungary, and Hungarian prisoners of war in Russia held services in the prison camps, and many Hungarian prisoners were converted in Russia and Siberia. Many of these are now going back to their own country new men in Christ Jesus.

The work which is being done by Brother Uvarnoki and his associates in the theological seminary in as heroic and romantic as the work which was done in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary by Dr. Broadus and Dr. Boyce in the dark days following our Civil War. Hungarian Baptists know that they have come into possession of a spiritual heritage which they must at all hazards share with their fellow men. They simply decline to be discouraged or halt in their purpose to propagate the Baptist message in Hungary.

The war not only left the nation depleted, dismembered and with a currency discounted and the

necessities of life well nigh out of reach of the multitudes, but it left on the hands of our Baptist people 121 widows, 356 orphans, 74 destitute families, to say nothing of a large number of Hungarian widows, orphans and poor in Roumanian and Czecho-Slovak countries. The hardship and suffering are indescribable. If American Baptists do not before the severity of winter is upon them rush relief to our Baptist people, many who are already enfeebled by long lack of food and clothing, will succumb before another spring arrives to warm them, and food can be produced to feed them.

Next to relief work, modest supplements to the salaries of preachers and the release of others from manual labor for the care of churches and missionary work, and the re-enforcing of the Seminary, are the most urgent necessities of the work at present. There are great possibilities in the seminary. Hungarian Baptists have proved themselves to be such passionate and zealous evangelists we can expect them to contribute greatly to the evangelization of the country if we help them train their native ministry. Later we hope to help them organize their women, secure training for those who would follow Christian work, introduce modern Sunday school methods and young people's organization, and thus strengthen the churches for their work. A large number of church buildings are needed at once, but for the most part these must wait on other more urgent matters.

WHAT WILL OUR BOARD DO?

Dear Record.—While at the convention at McComb City, many of us learned for the first time of the possibility of losing our very efficient and faithful secretary, Dr. J. B. Lawrence. We were also made to feel sad, not to say very anxious as to the future of our state work.

Now I am not a member of the board, never have been and may never be, however, I am very much interested in what it does and have always tried to cooperate with it in all of its work.

I stood by Bro. Rowe, in his faithful and efficient ministrations, I have stood by Bro. Lawrence in his equally efficient and faithful service to the state and will stand by the one selected to take his place.

Now, I will venture to make just two suggestions, or to at least express a desire. I am hoping and praying that the Board will not go out of the state to get a man to fill this most important place, and my reason for hoping this is, we have plenty of material in Mississippi, to select from and I believe in using our own men first before going into other states and getting a man that may be needed in his own state. Then too, all things being equal, a home man can take hold of the work more readily. Just here let me ask my brethren, not to jump to the conclusion, that I am advocating the doctrine, of "Mississippi for Mississippians only," not that, brethren, but just a desire to use our own men first when there is an opening.

Now, just this other thing; I hope the Board will see its way clear to select a layman for this position, for we have efficient laymen enough in Mississippi to fill every place of this kind, and if necessary, to preside over every school and college in the state.

If any one should be disposed to doubt what I have said, I would cite them to Provine at Mississippi College; Johnson, at Woman's College; Brown at Blue Mountain, and many others. In passing you might call to mind Henderson of Tennessee, who is at head of our laymen's work for the S. B. C. Now honestly, brethren, is there a preacher in any of the states that can take the place of these brethren and do better work than they are doing? I think not, and for what they are doing we have many others equally efficient. Therefore, I say by all means put a layman in this place and leave the preachers in the pastorate where they are so much needed at this time. I am glad to know that Dr. Lawrence is going back into the work as a pastor, there is not a position on earth that offers a greater field of usefulness than the pastorate. I am aware of the fact, when such a place is made vacant that many of our pastors are open to call like this and seem anxious to accept, and I am also aware of the fact that the argument used

for accepting the position and leave the pastorate is this, "It will open up a greater field of usefulness and I feel that I can do more good and be of more use to the cause."

Now, is this a fact or a fancy? Is it not a fact that the preacher in the pulpit from Sabbath to Sabbath, preaching the gospel to the lost, ministering to the sick, comforting the bereaved, and helping the needy; I say, is it not a fact that God has never given a man greater field of usefulness than that of pastorate?

I am deeply conscious of the fact that we should have another day set apart for the calling out of the called. Not the young men and women who have felt impressed to give themselves to the special work of the Master, but for the purpose of calling many who are now filling other positions, and who are well equipped for the pastorate and are splendid gospel preachers; I say we should have another day and pray the Lord to call many of them back into the active work of the Kingdom and thus help meet the crying demand for more efficient pastors and preachers.

Now, I feel sure this little article will cause many criticisms and possibly most of them will be of the adverse order, nevertheless, I believe what I have said in the above is true, and I also believe that deep down in the heart of many who will read this there will be silent, yet a conscious Amen.

May the Lord bless every member of the board and guide them in this great work.

Your Bro.,

J. A. LEE.

FURNISHING ROOMS AT THE MISSISSIPPI
BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

The question was asked on the floor of the Convention at McComb by Brother N. W. P. Bacon, how much it would take to furnish a room at the hospital when we furnish the addition. On my return I looked into it and find it will take about \$250 each. This will give only the necessary furnishings.

I trust the churches throughout the state will take the matter up where they can do it without interfering with their plans in meeting their 75 Million pledges and furnish these rooms. If they will do this it will help us in going on with the work. We need all the money we can raise to meet the other expenses. I am sure there are a great many churches in the state that will be glad to do this. I shall be glad to hear from any church or pastor who wishes to take the matter up with me.

M. K. THORNTON.

The following messages passed between the president of the League of Nations in session at Geneva, and President Willson: "The assembly of the League of Nations has by unanimous vote instructed me to send you its warmest greetings and to express its earnest wishes that you may speedily be restored to complete health. The assembly recognizes that you have done perhaps more than any other man to lay the foundations of the League. It feels confident that the present meetings will greatly advance those principles of cooperation between all nations which you have done so much to promote." The reply of President Willson was as follows: "The greeting so graciously sent me by the assembly of the League of Nations through you has gratified me very deeply indeed. I am indeed proud to be considered to have played any part in promoting the concord of nations with the establishment of such an instrumentality as the League to whose increasing usefulness and success I look forward with confidence. Permit me to extend my personal greetings to the assembly, if they will be gracious enough to receive them, together with an expression of my hope and belief that their labors will be of immense value to the whole civilized world."

The church at Pascagoula on Sunday the 14th called Rev. B. C. Cook of DeKalb, Texas, to be their pastor and he will probably accept, to begin December 1st. Brother Cook came to Texas from California and we shall be glad of the privilege of welcoming him to Mississippi.

GREAT MEETING OF LOUISIANA BAPTISTS

The Louisiana Baptist Convention has just held one of the greatest sessions in all its history. The Convention met with the saints at Lake Charles, one of the greatest churches in the state, and the largest in all South Louisiana.

The attendance was good, representing all parts of the state, and the hospitality of the church and the entire city was abundant and gracious. The weather was ideal and the meetings were marked throughout by a deep spirit of earnestness and consecration. While all our people rejoiced over the great blessings that had come to us during the year the greatness of the task before us made them sober and prayerful.

Our women report a great year's work and a great meeting. No state in all the South can boast of nobler, more consecrated or more intelligent set of Christian workers than the Baptist women of Louisiana.

In Louisiana, the lay brother is very much in evidence in all our denominational machinery and work,—the President of the Convention, the two Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer; the President of Louisiana College, and our splendid Secretary of Missions, all are laymen and great leaders and the very best friends of all pastors in the state.

Perhaps one of the greatest hours of the entire session came on Thursday morning after the representative of the Baptist Bible Institute had spoken of this great school and among other things had laid before the Convention the plans for the Mid-Winter School for Pastors and other Christian workers. As the speaker closed his address the pastor of the great church at Mansfield, Bro. H. R. Holcomb, arose and said, "Mansfield will pay the expenses of twelve men to that school;" he was followed by Ed. Solomon, another Mississippian and now pastor at St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, who said his church would take twelve men; this was followed by Emmanuel, Alexandria, Baton Rouge and other churches and individuals and in a few minutes eighty-two men had been provided for; thus insuring us at least one hundred men from Louisiana.

We are looking to Mississippi and hope at least one hundred men, good and true, will come from there to this Mid-Winter School, and word comes from old Tennessee, that a bunch is coming from there, and then from Alabama and other states some will come, and it will be a month of hard study, recreation and splendid fellowship.

Bible Institute,
R. P. MAHON.

STORY OF A WEDDING RING.

At the Encampment last summer at Blue Mountain, Miss Ida Taylor, a missionary from China, gave us a talk on the conditions among women in her field of work. At the close of the lecture many women flocked around her to bid her good-by as she was leaving Blue Mountain in a short time. One lady handed her a ring with an inscription which showed it to be a wedding ring. In the rush Miss Ida failed to get the lady's name. Hoping the donor will read this and write to me, giving me her name and address, I am asking Dr. Lipsey to give this article space as it will mean several dollars to missions. If the lady prefers, her name will be kept secret, but I need to know.

MRS. M. L. BERRY,
Blue Mountains, Miss.

30TH ANNIVERSARY B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION.

The thirtieth anniversary convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 30th to July 3, 1921. A large number of speakers and conference leaders have accepted places on the program. Invitations have been extended to Mr. Lloyd George, Premier of Great Britain and President-elect W. G. Harding. For Convention bulletin address James Asa White, General Secretary, 125 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

GRATIFYING RESULTS

The work in the Baptist Memorial Hospital, un-

der the management of the new superintendent, Dr. W. R. Bethea, is moving off in a most satisfactory way. He has the sympathetic co-operation of his large force of co-laborers, in all departments. His purpose is to give thoroughly efficient service and at the same time make everything as agreeable as possible for any and all who may come in touch with the hospital in any way. He is getting results. Hospital experience is trying, at the best, for most people. The superintendent and his assistants wish to make it as pleasant as possible.

While maintaining the high standards in every branch, the irritation which has been in the public mind, on account of restrictions in visiting hours, has been allayed. "All for the patients" is still the motto of the hospital, but every consideration and courtesy are shown every one in any way interested in the patients,—loved ones and friends.

The hours for visiting are 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Visitors during meal hours will often spoil the meal for the patient, and visits of more than a brief period, by the friendly caller, may work harm for patient.

M. D. JEFFRIES, Pastor.

TO SOME PASTORLESS CHURCH IN MISS.

This introduces to Mississippi Brethren, Dr. Wm. H. Setzer of Caruthersville, Mo. It was the writer's privilege to be in school at Louisville, Ky., with Dr. Setzer. He is a very fine man with good qualifications and would make some Mississippi church a good pastor. Dr. Setzer would really be glad to come to Mississippi for many reasons. He has been pastor of the First Baptist church at Caruthersville nearly six years. During this time more than three hundred have been added to that church and the finances more than doubled.

Very Respectfully,
J. R. G. HEWLETT.

Charleston, Miss.

MISSISSIPPI A MISSION FIELD

Mississippi has no great strategic opportunities for home missionary work as compared with some other states, for we have no great cities, pronounced industrial communities, foreign population, or military posts. The home mission board functions in Mississippi through a re-enforcement of the state enlistment work; work among the Indians, but in a population very limited as compared with Texas and Oklahoma; help of struggling churches through the loan fund and by gifts; assistance in negro work; evangelism, which in this state is perhaps self-sustaining.

But has the greatest distinctive home mission field in Mississippi been ignored and left untouched? Is not the population of Northeast Mississippi a mountain people in mental and physical characteristics, in types of personality and modes of living, similar to that of communities ministered to by home mission board mountain schools in other states? Alabama has four mission board mountain schools; Arkansas four; Georgia four; Kentucky three; Missouri two; North Carolina nine; South Carolina four; Tennessee six; Virginia two; Mississippi has none. Is this because there is not a need for such institution within the state? If so, let us declare this fact as true and stop further discussion. If not, it is a pertinent time for a larger function of the Home Mission Board in Mississippi to meet this particular need.

Down the great range of Southern mountains comes this chain of home mission board mountain schools, and then branches off into the west through Alabama into Arkansas and Missouri. But there is one gap in the chain, and that is through Mississippi. Why this gap? A thorough survey of the Northeast Mississippi territory by a representative of the home mission board should be made to determine the extent of such territory as a mission field for a mountain school, and the results of this survey should be made known to the Mississippi convention board and other interested co-operative agencies within the state, and to the localities affected by such a school.

A. J. DICKINSON,

Tupelo, Miss.

If we want to save our finances in all the churches and in the denominational work from confusion, we must get on the Bible plan of giving every week. That does not mean that every man will give the same amount every week in the year; but he must give as he is prospered. We must make the Lord's work a preferred claim, and if anything must wait, let it be something else. This is a practical way to seek first the kingdom of God. The once a year method of giving is a proven failure.

During the past year Mississippi Baptists have put great emphasis upon evangelism and the effort has proven its worth. There can be no work that more truly represents the purpose of Christ, or more surely receives his approval. Thank God for the probably ten thousand, and let us press this work more and more in the future. It both adds to and supports all other work we are endeavoring to do.

In our publication on November 11th of the amounts paid by the churches for the first six months of the second year of the 75 Million Campaign there was an error in the amount shown to the credit of Ecru church in Fontotoc County. The amount of credit shown in the publication was \$133.20, when it should have been \$224.45.

Upon what seemed reliable information the Baptist Record and some other papers published a statement that Dr. Geo. W. Truett had been called to Calvary church in Washington City. We are now assured that it was a mistake and regret our part in the announcement.

Jesus condemned the Jews for refusal to support an old father or mother by pleading that the money was "Corban" (given to God); but so far as the record shows he didn't find anybody so far sunk in sin that they refused to give what they could to God on the plea that they were in debt; or had to make a living. The tenth is the Lord's Lev. 27:30.

Marcus Garvey, a Jamaican Negro has been trying to organize a ten million dollar stock company of Negro capital to run a ship line and establish a Negro republic in Africa. There seems to be two difficulties with his project. One is the Negroes don't want to go and the other is there is no place for them to go.

Dr. W. Inzer, pastor of First Church, Chattanooga and the National Chaplain of the American Legion will travel from coast to coast within the year, visiting the various posts. He says, "I am going to do all I can to make and keep the American Legion a great brotherhood and a great patriotic organization."

Dr. W. J. Morris of Pascagoula, writes that missionary Brien conducted a good meeting for them. All were edified. At the latter part of the meeting Rev. B. C. Cook, of Texas, preached. His sermons were gospel gems, and the church called him. Several additions to the church.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence has already had a place made for him in the work of the Oklahoma Baptists, having been elected on the Board of Trustees of the Baptist University. He knows how to make his life count and will be a very material help.

Texas Baptists propose to hold their state Convention hereafter, beginning on the first Thursday in December and they advise that the Associations be held in August and September, leaving October and November for the round up.

The Bureau of Education at Washington called for the co-operation of the churches for the observance of "School Week," December 4-11, for the purpose of putting emphasis on our schools in the church services and elsewhere.

Cheap hose would probably be great help to modesty.

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"TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP" is the title of a New Home Mission study book that every woman in the South should become thoroughly familiar with. It is written by Miss Maud Powell, a Georgia State W. M. U. worker. Every phase of our Southern Baptist Convention work is dealt with in a manner pleasing and attractive, but most enlightening is well. Use this book, Sisters, for your Home Mission study this coming year. The price is forty cents. It may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson.

"Laborers together" is of course the Foreign Mission study book that we recommend. The publishers promise that we shall have it by January 1st. And that it shall be most attractively gotten up in cloth and leather boards. We can as yet speak of the attractiveness only of the pictures and the splendid enlightening maps that will be found in its pages. Read elsewhere what others say of the subject matter. The price will be sixty cents.

December 7th is the day set for the meeting of the State Board and for the Central Committee. Both meetings will be fraught with much interest and importance to the Kingdom Work in the State. Hence we hereby very earnestly call the sisters everywhere to prayer for these meetings.

Remember a State Secretary is to be chosen by the State Board, to take the place of our most efficient, genial, whole-souled fellow worker, Dr. Lawrence. Let us not cease to pray that God's man may be elected by his brethren to fill this place. It means much to the W. M. U. Work as to who the Corresponding Secretary of the State Board is. Again let us be earnest in prayer.

My Dear Miss Lackey:

I thank you for giving me the privilege of reviewing the manuscript of your book which has visualized the work of our "partners" in China in a unique and distinctive way. Your lack of embellishment, but rather the accentuated plan and progress of the work, is proof of real inspiration. I realize that of the making of books about China there is no end, and yet one great charm of your book, lies in the abundant messages burning and pulsating direct from the hearts of the workers themselves. Splendidly conceived, and carefully wrought, I feel that in placing this book in the hands of our W. M. U. as well as all the Baptists people, you have added much to your already large share in the bringing in of Christ's Kingdom.

Faithfully,

MRS. A. J. AVEN,
President W. M. U. of Mississippi.

"We had an all day meeting out at Mars Hill, twelve miles west of Summit last Sunday. The day closed with packing a fine box for our Orphanage. Mrs. Edna Hewitt, Mrs. Toler and I did our best. There were more young people present than I have ever seen at one of our rallies. Mrs. Toler got in some good work."

MRS. R. L. BUNYARD

I would be glad to have the name and address on the work of the W. M. U. and of hospital supplies very particularly. They are going right to work on their apportionment.

MRS. R. L. BUNYARD.

WOMEN OF THE THIRD DISTRICT TAKE NOTICE

At our Annual meeting in June I was elected Stewardship Leader for this District.

I would be glad to have the name and address of the Superintendent and Stewardship Leader in every Association in the District.

A number of Associations disbanded this fall and reorganized along county lines. If the woman's work has not been organized in your Association may I insist that your numbers have an opportunity to sign Stewardship Cards. Write to Mrs. H. M. King, Jackson, Miss., State Stewardship Leader for these cards. May I suggest too, that societies that haven't already done so take up the study of "Stewardship and Missions," by Chas. A. Cook. It is an eye-opener on the subject of Stewardship. If you can't have a regular mission study class order one or two copies of the book and pass around till all your members have read it—then get your husbands to read it.

Yours for Service,

MRS. L. L. RAY,

Blue Mountain, Miss.

The Price of "Stewardship and Missions" is 55 cents. The Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss., has quite a supply of these books on hand. Be sure and order early.

Dear Miss Lackey:

Just a line to tell you what our Oxford society is doing. The ladies have taken hold of the surgical dressings for the Hospital in China most mas to start to work willingly and are not going to wait till after Christmas to start work but will begin right away. At first we were afraid we could not find a place to meet, because we need a long table for the sort of bandages that we, of the Third District, are asked to make but one of the ladies in the church has offered the use of her company bed room! We shall strip it of unnecessary furnishings and go to work next week.

Our Sunbeams, have reorganized, and a Girl's Auxiliary started, but more of this later; I just tell this much to make Miss Traylor's heart happy. Hope she is strong enough to be back to work.

Our Missionary society has had a re-awakening since the presentation of the little playlet "Raising the Standard of Excellence" and we feel very thankful at our bright prospects for the winter's work.

So glad to know your book will soon be off the press, I look forward to studying it.

With much love,

MRS. C. LONGEST,
University, Miss.

BOX PACKING AT BALA CHITTO.

October 5th will be remembered by the women of Pike County Association, as one of the most enjoyable of its history. The weather was ideal and about 150 women were in attendance with earnest loving hearts to give an account of their year's work and to pack a box for a frontier missionary, Rev. Magnuel Cafrarro and family, of Roswell, New Mexico.

The reports exceeded by far any woman's report we ever had in this association. The program was good, the hospitality of the Bala Chitto women was better and the box packing was best. 13 societies were represented in the box. Each society gave of their best. The value in dollars and cents was \$470.00 and only the dear Lord knows about the love and prayers that went with it. If any country church would like to have a good day ask your Superintendent to have the box packing with them.

MRS. R. L. BUNYARD.

WALTHAM COUNTY W. M. U. RALLY.

Dear Miss Lackey:

I am a little bit late about writing you about our Rally, however, I must say it was a success. Six societies out of eleven were represented which was good for our first Rally.

Our program for the day was well carried out by the ladies from the different societies and our own Mrs. Bunyard added much to the day's program, by her splendid address. Brother Quin who is always ready to lend a helping hand to the success of the W. M. U. Work was present and gave us words of encouragement and emphasized the 75 Million pledges.

Our next Rally will be held in January with New Zion W. M. U., and we hope to reach our standard of excellence this year. We believe "we can through Christ."

Yours in His Service.

BELL RIMES,
Tylertown, Miss.

In regard to the above rally our Vice-President, Mrs. Bunyard, writes: "We had the best meeting of the kind I have ever been in. Miss Bell is doing fine work."

Dear Miss Lackey:

The first meeting of the executive committee of the Woman's Missionary Union of the new Madison County Association was attended last Tuesday by every member, except one, who was sick. This meeting was very encouraging to the Superintendent for all members seemed so enthusiastic over the work for the coming year, and each one pledged her very best in her line of the work, to attain the uniform standard of excellence. We are determined, with God's help to be A-1.

We agreed to take for our first quarter's work.

In the societies already organized, each Leader would get her work well established, on an organized basis, and the Superintendent would make desperate efforts to organize other societies in those churches, where no society now exist, and the Young People's Leader has a very great work, as we only have at this time, these organizations in one church in Madison County, which is Flora.

Of course we are very much handicapped, as are many other new Associations, in this work, for the want of an Expense Fund, but we are going right ahead with the work, trusting that this fund will be in hand later. We are going to ask the members of the Woman's Missionary Societies to contribute 25c each per year, and the members of the Auxiliaries 10c per year, for this fund, and in this way we will have a small fund.

We will hold our first Rally in New Hope Church early in December. We earnestly desire your prayers in this work, and hope to make some splendid records.

MRS. L. H. YARBOROUGH,
Asso. Supt.

MISS STAMPS RETURNS.

Has Resumed Her Old Position at the Baptist State Hospital.

The many friends of Miss Sallie Stamps will rejoice to learn that she has returned to the Baptist State Hospital resuming her duties, broken up by the war at that institution.

She was for many years superintendent of the training of nurses at the Baptist Hospital, and volunteered to serve her country as an army nurse at the breaking out of the war between this country and Germany, serving eighteen months, residing eight months at Savigny, France.

After receiving her discharge from the army, she became superintendent of nurses at Bethel Hospital, Colorado Springs, Col. She was connected with Dr. Gardner's sanitarium at Columbia, Miss., for several months, coming from that institution back to her old home.—Clarion-Ledger

Prohibition leaders claim that the next Congress is dryer than ever.

Jamaica ginger is now under the prohibition ban.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE BAPTIST CHURCHES OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Committee of the Montgomery County Baptist Association met in annual session in the Pastor's Study of the First Baptist Church in Winona, Miss., Monday morning, Nov. 22, 1920 at 10:30, the following members present: H. L. Watts, Chairman; C. M. Bankston, Clerk; Rev. J. F. Mitchell, Moderator; Dr. A. V. Rowe, Rev. T. N. Lusk.

The meeting was called to order by chairman H. L. Watts and Dr. A. V. Rowe was asked to offer prayer.

Brother J. F. Mitchell tendered his resignation as Moderator of the association as he had accepted work in another association. The resignation was accepted and upon motion of Brother T. N. Lusk, Dr. A. V. Rowe was unanimously elected to the office.

Brother J. F. Mitchell's place on the Executive Committee was left vacant to be filled at a later date or the next meeting of the committee.

Request from the following churches for supplementing or aiding them on their Pastor's Salary to be presented to the Baptist State Convention Board, which convenes in Jackson, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 7th, were considered and acted upon. Viz: Kilmichael, Mulberry, Poplar Springs, Bethlehem.

The time of date for the annual meeting of the Montgomery County Baptist Association in 1921, as set by the recent meeting of the association, was brought before the committee for consideration, and after being discussed by the following brethren, J. F. Mitchell, T. N. Lusk, Dr. A. V. Rowe and W. W. Muirhead, was changed upon motion of Brother J. F. Mitchell, from Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 20 and 21, to Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 18 and 19, for the following reasons:

First. The dates in Sept. are about the season of the year for the Equinoctial storms and rains.

Second. The farmers are not through harvesting their crops, and it is vitally important that we have some of our strong Christian men from our rural churches present at the sessions of our association.

Committee adjourned to meet subject to the call of the chairman. Closing prayer by Brother J. F. Mitchell.

H. L. WATTS, Chairman.

C. M. BANKSTON, Clerk.

Executive Committee Montgomery County Baptist Association.

FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF A NEW PASTOR.

I have been just a little surprised at the opportunity for real missionary work, as I seem to find it in this state; however this may not appeal to other localities as it does to my own. I go out from my town, which is the county seat of Amite County and preach one Saturday night out of each month to a congregation of from one hundred to two hundred people, and the situation is characterized by almost every condition, found on a real mission field, this kind of thing makes me feel very much at home, as the most of my ministerial life has been spent in Texas and Louis-

iana, and I do not mean to reflect upon either of these states, for indeed in each of them live the salt of the earth.

I have had the privilege of helping in several meetings since coming to the state, and I give it as my profound conviction, I have never labored with a better set of people and pastors anywhere.

I have attended our dear "old" Mississippi Association, where I greatly enjoyed the splendid fellowship of the pastors and workers.

As I think of the pastors of our association, I think of them to love them, not a better set of men can be found in the state, or anywhere else, Young and Chapman, Gardner McCoullough, Morris, the new pastor at Gloster, Brother Scofield of Woodville, with whom I recently labored in a splendid meeting at that place, Brother Walter Jones, and many others whose names I have not mentioned, as I think of these splendid men in connection with the recent responsibility placed upon me, that of County Organizer of the 75 Million Campaign, it gives me courage.

Now I believe I have said more about things in general than I have about my own field, but may I say, "in conclusion" that from my own viewpoint, few have a field with a greater opportunity than have I. In the first place I would like to say a word of profound appreciation of the faithful, untiring labors of those who have preceded me on this field as a result of their labors, we have a beautiful and substantial house of worship, which is in reality a workshop, which will prove a wonderful asset in taking advantage of the opportunities for service which we now have in a large way.

The one outstanding feature of my work that I wish to mention at this time, is the agricultural high school, we have located in our town, according to the statement of the Principal, who is a Presbyterian, nine out of every ten enrolled, are Baptist. They come from every part of the country, and a more splendid set of young people have never been found upon the face of the earth. They honored me by electing me as Councillor of their High "Y", and we have some great times together, you should look in upon our B. Y. P. U. some Sunday night, we are going to be compelled to divide them to have room and efficiency. We want our statement to come our way in the near future. It was so urgent that we have a study course in the B. Y. P. U. Manual. We did not have time to wait for a date from him, so we just put it on ourselves and some 15 or 20 have taken it and that means great progress in this work, for it is next to impossible to do this work with any degree of interest unless the ones trying to do the work know how to do it. There are many other things I would like to write about, but I see I have already laid myself bare to criticism by making this article too long. I would have been glad to have given my impressions of the Convention, for being a new man, it seemed that there was nothing for me to do but

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to observe, and I greatly enjoyed it. Now this being my first attempt to write since coming to your splendid state, I feel that you will pardon the length of this, and if not, I am sure the editor has his wastebasket conveniently situated.

Joining the Brotherhood in praying for a great victory this year in the Campaign. I am yours in Him whom we delight to serve,

C. T. JOHNSON,
Liberty, Miss.

AT GOODWATER.

The Convention Bible Class of Good Water Church was organized June 6th, with officers as follows:

Pres., Mr. Grover C. Dorris.
1st Vice-Pres., Mr. R. K. Lee.
2nd Vice-Pres., Mr. P. E. Brown.
3rd Vice-P., Miss Gussie Osborne.
Reporter, Mrs. F. A. Little.
Secy., Mr. Floyd Clark.
Treas., Mr. Van Clark.
Teacher, Mrs. W. B. Little.

The class has attained nine seals on the standard of excellence and will soon be ready to finish and get our certificate. Our average attendance is 23.

Pray for our success.

Yours truly,
MRS. F. A. LITTLE,
R. F. D. 1, Box 36.

Eld. T. J. Smith, of Mathiston, a rising young minister, has made some changes in his work for next year, but he has full work and then some. He keeps busy.

"All of which reminds me of the funny little story," I answered, "about the small boy who said to his father: 'Is Jupiter inhabited,' 'I don't know, my son,' was the truthful answer.

"Father are there any sea serpents?" "I don't know, my son. Don't interrupt me again."

"The youngster, taking heart after a few moments' silence, suddenly asked: 'Father, what does the north pole look like?' 'I don't know, my son, I've never been there.'

"At last with withering emphasis, the small boy propounded the question which stumped the old gentleman quite as much as the others: 'Father, how did you get to be an editor?'"

Mother—"Did you break any of the rules today, Tommy?"

Tommy (first day at school.—"No'm; I was a good boy. Teacher broke two, though—one on little Harry Fletcher an another on me."—Exchange.

"Who is that neglected-looking little boy with dirt all over his face?"

"He is the child of the noted astronomer who lives over the way."

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An Interesting "Quiz"

Miss Mary Anna Holmes who is the Drill Leader of the Aberdeen Senior B. Y. P. U. announced at the first of the month October, that at the last of the month she would give a test on the months readings in the shape of a match between the groups. When the time came the groups were lined up and she asked questions on the readings for the month. As one would miss they went to their seat. The report is that it was a very interesting contest and that it proved to stimulate that phase of the Unions work.

Silver Springs Junior Officers.

Leader, Lucion Wilkes; President, Maudessie Goings; Vice-President, Iris Wilkes; Secretary, Madge Simmons; Cor. Sec., Mary Elizey; Chorister, Ollie Fortenberry; Pianist, Mary Elizey.

A quotation from the Leader, "I do not believe there is any other union doing any better work than we are. We also have a Junior Prayer Meeting and I wish you could hear our Juniors pray."

An Interesting Report from Kingston—Laurel.

It was my good pleasure on Nov. 14th, to be with the Kingston union in rendering a program at Mount Oral church a few miles from Laurel, and in spite of the rain and cold it was one of the best afternoons I have ever spent.

The program was not taken from the Quarterly but was arranged especially for the occasion. The first subject discussed was "Is a B. Y. P. U. Scriptural" which was discussed by Mr. Willie Parker. The next subject, "Is a church responsible to God for the development of its members; if so to what extent can a B. Y. P. U. relieve this responsibility?" by Mrs. L. C. Williams. "Can a young church member reach the height of Christian citizenship without some special training in church work?" by Mr. T. C. Brent. "What can a B. Y. P. U. do in a social way to promote a greater interest in God's work?" by Miss Effie Lott. All of these subjects were discussed in a very efficient way and we feel that the meeting was one that will do great good. Our pastor, Bro. Cranford, made possible the meeting by providing conveyance to and from the church and at the close of the meeting he brought in his own way a very fitting message for the occasion. The day was a very happy one for the writer and the God loving people of Mount Oral have won a place in my heart that shall linger there for many days to come.

WALTER BOLER.

The Columbia church has three Junior B. Y. P. U.'s, last Sunday they had ninety-one present in the three, seeking to carry out the motto: "All Baptist Young People Utilized."

Out of the 234 enrolled in the four B. Y. P. U.'s in Mississippi College on Nov. 14th, that cold rainy Sunday, there were 200 present at the meetings of the B. Y. P. U.'s. Bible readings averaged far above the standard requirement.

VICKSBURG TRAINING SCHOOL.

The week of Nov. 7th, to the 12th, was a most eventful one for the Baptist Young People's Unions of the Bowmar Avenue and First Baptist churches of Vicksburg, Miss.

The Institute was held in the First Baptist church, and was led by Mr. Auber J. Wilds, our State B. Y. P. U. Secretary, and Mr. John S. Ramond, Field Secretary of Louisiana. Mr. Wilds was engaged in teaching "The

New Senior B. Y. P. U. Manual", and Mr. Ramond devoted his entire time and energy to the teaching of the "Junior Manual", and new B. Y. P. U. songs. Quite a number took the examinations in both the Junior and Senior Unions.

The following program was in effect: Sunday afternoon a mass meeting was held in the church auditorium and classes were formed. Monday evening marked the beginning of activities, Devotional Services at 6:15, being led by Mr. Roy Edwards, after which all went to their respective classes, remaining until 7:15, at which time all assembled for refreshments and social period. Classes began at 7:45, continuing until 8:30, when all returned to the auditorium and were addressed by our beloved worker, Mr. Auber J. Wilds.

Tuesday evening, Devotional Services were led by Mr. E. M. King, and at the closing half-hour was given to a Debate by the four Group Captains of the Senior Union.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Lee Logue, Mr. Roy Edwards led the Devotional Services again on Wednesday evening, and from 8:30 till 9:00 we received a most interesting and inspiring address on "Service", by Miss Joy King, of Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. H. A. Harwood led the Devotional Services, and the Juniors gave a demonstration, as the closing exercises, Thursday evening.

It was the earnest desire of the B. Y. P. U.'s of Vicksburg, that other B. Y. P. U.'s will avail themselves of the opportunity of studying in an Institute under such splendid teaching as we received in the recent Institute.

FAY PATRICK,
Cor. Secy.

CLEAR BRANCH, WESSON R. F. D.

On October 26 the Clear Branch church organized a B. Y. P. U. for its young people. Miss Lona Ratcliff was elected corresponding secy., and has reported the organization to the State Secretary. We rejoice in the step this church has taken to make its membership intelligent and efficient. We congratulate them.

WEST POINT JUNIORS.

Mrs. Spragins, who is the enthusiastic leader of the West Point Juniors, gives this bit of suggestion. It helps them, it may help you. Instead of the Junior Leader taking the allotted ten minutes every Sunday. She invites one of the eighteen Deacons and sometimes the Pastor to use the Leaders ten minutes. They either use the suggestions in the Quarterly or their own.

Mrs. Spragins has each group named with a motto for each, they have: The Booster Group—motto: "All Baptist Young People Boosting for Christ and His church. The Youngster Group—motto: "All Baptist Young People Pushing for Christ and His Church." The Union Group—motto: "All Baptist Young People United and Utilized."

YELLOW CREEK, NOXUBEE CO.

Pastor Tully of Mashulaville, who also preaches to the Yellow Creek church tells of the Yellow Creek church organizing a B. Y. P. U. Miss Mamie Sennett was elected president and Miss Daisy Rogers secretary. So much for a combination of good pastor and good church.

McCOMB 1ST CHURCH SENIORS.

The home of Miss Helen Patterson

was entered by twenty-five happy young people on the night of Oct. 30. It was a Senior B. Y. P. U. social Halloween. Stories were told and games played. At nine-thirty o'clock everybody was called out in the yard where a "Hot Dog" roasting was had, the young men roasting the "puppies" for the girls. Everybody said they were the best they had ever eaten, and there was a reason. The nice lemonade served, helped to make the meal more enjoyable.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, COLUMBIA.

The Columbia B. Y. P. U. reports another Union to their credit of extension work. They have organized a Union at the Industrial School, about two miles from Columbia. G. H. Suttle was elected president of this new Union. About thirty enrolled as members.

Beware of imitations, have a real B. Y. P. U.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Died—Mrs. Susan McCain of Fellowship church, Choctaw County, died Nov. 15. She was about 65 years old and a consistent Baptist.

Eld. W. L. Grafton will likely be employed as Mission Evangelist for Winston County and north Neshoba. He is capable of doing good work.

The Baptist churches of Newton County are called to meet at Mt. Pleasant church, near Chunky at one o'clock on Tuesday, Nov. 30, to consider Baptist affairs of the county and the advisability of forming a county association will be discussed. The association will not be formally organized, but merely discussed. So let each church be represented.

The State Baptist Convention will meet at Jackson in November 1921. Get ready to go.

Eld. G. M. May gives up the work at Poplar church, Newton County, and accepts in its place Sand Springs. We are informed that Eld. W. L. Collins has been asked to serve Poplar.

Dr. B. D. Gray spoke for Home Missions. Dr. Dona represented the Southwestern Seminary, Dr. W. C. James discussed the work of the Educational Board. All of these added interest to the meeting and for the cause represented.

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FATHER, WE THANK THEE.

Thursday, November 25th, was a day for National Thanksgiving to God for his many blessings during the year. Of all people in the world we Americans have much to thank him for. If God was ever good to any nation he has been good to this one. Therefore we should mark time for one day in the year at least and turn our faces toward Him and offer unto Him thanksgiving.

In the 103 Psalm David tells us of some things for which we should thank God. Stop right now and read this Psalm clear through. We hear him as he says: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things" etc. He is the source of all our blessings. He forgives our sins, He cures our bodies, He gives us our food—a complete covering of all our spiritual and physical needs. What a wonderful friend is our Heavenly Father.

Some grounds for thankfulness in this land. First of all is the fact that we live in the most forward land religiously in all the world. There is no other nation that has as many professed Christians in proportion to population. Something like half the people in Mississippi are church members. The Baptist are 200,000 strong in the state. For these blessings we should thank God. Then we are at peace. The war has come and gone—we hope and pray that it is gone forever. True we still feel the effects of its mighty hand, but our boys have, most of them, returned from Europe. We should praise God, for He alone could have given so great a victory in so short a time. God was in the battle and God won the war. Father, we thank thee! And again it has been a great crop year. True, cotton is ruinously cheap, but hog and hominy is plentiful along with molasses, potatoes, hay and fodder. Then, why should the spirit of mortals be sad simply because some things are cheap. We are like Abraham, we get afraid of the drouth too quick and run off to Egypt, and like him we lack faith in God and get into trouble. God has tried us with some years of high prices and we have wasted His favors in riotous living and have not honored Him with the increased wealth. So we need not be surprised at a slump in His favors. Many people are coming out of these years of high prices and golden opportunities in worse condition than they went into them. Don't be blue for the temporary lull in our prosperity but thank God for a living and then some more.

But the greatest reason why Baptists in Mississippi should thank God is for the 10,000 baptisms in our churches in the State this year and for the more than \$700,000 given by Baptists during the past year to Kingdom work. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

This doxology should have a new emphasis and a new meaning to all Mississippi Baptists specially on this glad thanksgiving day because of the wonderful goodness of God to His almost unprofitable people. Let us show the thankful attitude of our soul by living better and doing more for Him this year. "Father, we thank thee."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Many turkeys entered the ministry Thanksgiving day.

Eld. J. L. Hughes preached for the Coldwater school a Thanksgiving sermon.

County Missionary E. C. Hendrick preached for Providence school, where Prof. W. J. Houston is principal, Thanksgiving.

We regret to learn of the serious

illness in the family of Rev. John W. Jones. There have been five cases of typhoid fever and one case of pneumonia in his home since July. All are improving now.

The ladies of McDonald church have set their heads to ceil their church. At a box supper the other night more than sixty dollars were secured. One o'possum was sold for \$2.50. Some question such methods of raising money for the Lord's work but if it works out to the praise and glory of God we might not have so much grounds for opposing.

Newton County Baptist churches met by messenger at Mt. Pleasant last Tuesday to discuss the advisability of organizing a Newton County Baptist Association. I have not heard of the results of the meeting. This move is becoming quite popular. So get in while getting is good.

The program committee of the Neshoba County Association has arranged for a fifth Sunday meeting at Hope church in January and at Bethesda in May. Saturday is to be given to preaching, executive board meeting and the discussion of some live subject. Sunday is for the discussion of Sunday schools. Complete program will be given out later.

Pastor B. E. Phillips of New Hebron, told the writer at the Convention that his people had caught the spirit of Bible reading from our Bible reading course and that more than one hundred of them had set out to read it through in a year. This is excellent. Let others do likewise.

R. L. BRELAND.

NEWS IN THE CIRCLE

(Martin Ball.)

Pastor E. B. Crump, of Ashland, has been compelled to resign his work on account of declining health. He is compelled to seek a drier climate. There seems to be a scarcity of preachers in North Mississippi.

It was a joy to every one to have Dr. E. C. Dargin at the Convention at McComb. He made every one feel happy. We were especially glad

to see him we were Seminary classmates at Greenville, S. C.

All the messengers to the Convention were glad to honor Dr. A. V. Rowe by making him President without opposition. No man among us has done more for Mississippi Baptists than our worthy brother. Long may he live to let his influence tell for Jesus.

The report of the State Board, read by Dr. Lawrence at the Convention was marvelous. But we are advancing all the while. The report will be published in pamphlet form and distributed over the state.

Bro. William A. Miller, of Lynchburg, Va., is 97 years of age. He has been a Sunday school teacher for 75 years and now teaches a Bible class of 25 women. Eternity alone can tell of the good he has accomplished.

The Delta farmers produced their cotton on high priced labor and costly supplies. They are forced to sell it on a declining market much below the cost of production. It is producing a very depressing condition all over the land. Many will not realize enough from their crops to pay taxes.

Missionary J. S. Cheavens says there are 5,000 Baptists in Mexico, as against 2,500 at the beginning of the revolution. There were 649 baptisms last year. A good convention was recently held in Torreon.

The Tennessee convention just closed at Jackson was a great success. Much work has been accomplished. Secretary Wilson's report from the State Mission Board was the greatest ever read before the Convention.

The Home Mission Board has granted a contribution to Carson-Newman College at Jefferson City, Tenn., to establish a Department for teaching the English Bible, doctrines of our faith, missions, church organization etc., to mountain students. The college is admirably located to reach all such students and will be a great blessing to them.

The Tenth Church, Tampa, Fla., has succeeded in securing the services as pastor, Rev. L. R. Rawls, of Hahira, Ga.

Dr. H. W. Weeks, formerly at Vicksburg, is aiding Pastor B. D. Hahn, at the Pendleton Street church Greenville, S. C., in a fine meeting. Dr. Weeks is much in demand for this kind of a meeting.

The Richmond papers say that the General Association of Va. had appointed a committee to purchase the Religious Herald—the organ for the state work. It is not yet known whether a satisfactory trade has been accomplished.

The Evangelistic forces of the Home Board are having a great campaign in Chattanooga, Tenn. Four hundred were added to the churches the first week.

The American League, the organ of the Anti-Saloon League, says that the dries gained a sweeping victory in the recent election, and that the laws as they now stand are secure.

It is stated that fifty-four per cent of the church population of Alabama is in Baptist churches. It is also stated that fifty-five per cent of the whole population is out in the world.

The church at Murfreesboro, Tenn. has just enjoyed a great refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Pastor B. C. Henning was assisted by Dr. M. E. Dodd, of Shreveport, La. ninety-three had been approved for baptism, and others coming. The Tennessee Womans College is located at Murfreesboro.

Secretary Lloyd T. Wilson's report to the Tennessee Convention stated that \$943,993.57 had been raised during the year, and more than double the number of baptisms reported by the missionaries.

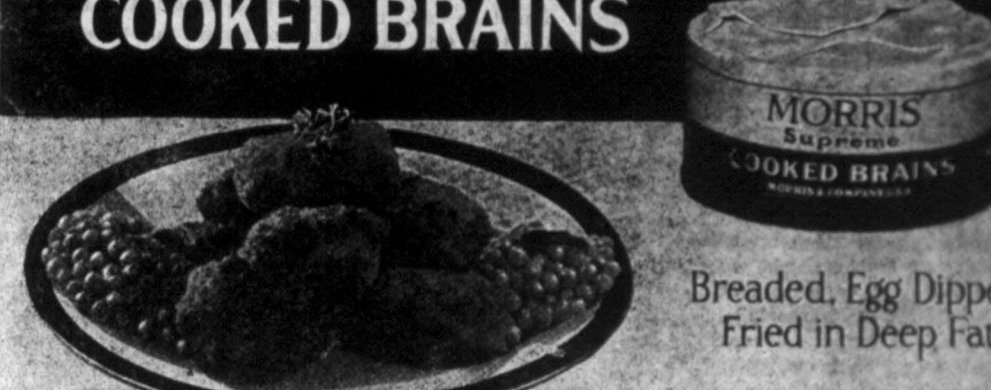
Evangelist Ham has just closed a great meeting at Springfield, Tenn. Six hundred people professed faith in Christ—more than 90 had joined the church in Springfield and many others had joined near-by churches, and some had gone to the Campbellites, Methodists and Presbyterians.

At Cedartown, Ga., Pastor DeVane was assisted in a splendid meeting by Dr. J. Ellis Sammons of Griffin. Seventy-two were added to the church. The church was much revived.

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DIVINE HEALING.

No one succeeds more than this writer to know that the question of Divine healing has revived and that the good Editor of The Baptist Record is exercising the wise course of giving space in his paper for its discussion. Many years since, when the "Wolfess Band" first invaded Mississippi, their strongest effort was to convince their hearers that Divine healing and a sinless life were Bible doctrines; but this writer was skeptical along these lines, notwithstanding he was willing to listen, search and pray for Divine guidance and in my almost constant researches, I found that both had strong scriptural backing. The meetings of that little band of humble Christian workers was so spiritual, earnest and edifying that we frequented their gatherings, from which we garnered spiritual strength and holy boldness that served us in times of need.

In my association with those people we witnessed some wonderful cures and miraculous healings that set me to desiring into the sacred Book for more light and knowledge and praying for more spiritual power. And in my studying I was forced to the settled conclusion that there is no other healing but that of Divine. To illustrate our meaning, we will imagine that an accident has occurred, an arm is broken; a physician is called. His first work is to set the limb, bandage, splint or encase in plaster paris and then to regulate the temperature as best he can with ice or otherwise and he is at his work's end until other conditions develop, but the healing comes from a higher source. Both the Divine and the human is necessary. God has never promised to do for man what he can do for himself. Fatalism has wrecked the faith of millions on the doctrine of Divine healing. Some ignore the use of human instrumentalities, while others ignore the power and promise of God. King Hezekiah was not healed until the lump of figs was applied to the boil. See 2nd Kings 20. Brother Isaiah of New Orleans uttered a truth when he said: "It is all of God in answer to prayer through faith, both of the servant of God and the patient." The apostle James gives a clear terse method for action in cases of sickness. See James 5:14, 15. The sick is to call for the elders of the church, the elders are to pray over the sick, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord (not in their own name) and the assurance is that the prayer of faith shall save the sick, but it is the Lord that will raise them up. The instruction here given by the apostle James no doubt was based on the customs of the times and the Savior's promises as recorded in Mark 16, 17, 18. The absence of elders does not hinder healing. "Is any among you afflicted let him pray. Is any merry let him sing Psalms." James 5:13. This writer has frequently been healed in answer to his own prayers. The Savior healed numbers in answer to their individual cries. "Jesus is the same yesterday, today but we are not going to let that stop

and forever." If the world depended on physicians and physic for life and health alone, it would soon be a wreck of imbecility, but they have their place in the economy of God's grace and He uses them as instruments co-operative with Himself. But their elimination would be a world clamity and they that sneer at the physician and his services are doing so at their own peril. But if the physician cannot be had, it is a blessed assurance that God can always be there. The nights are never too dark, or the storms too severe for God to come and the line of communication where faith abounds is never out of commission. Thank God for the blessed privilege of writing and talking on this glorious subject, which is the very essence of a pure and full gospel. The promises of healing begin in Exodus and run through the entire Bible to the last of Revelation. "It is by God that we live, move and have our being." Undoubtedly health is included.

"Praise God forever, Amen."
J. M. HUSTON,
McComb, Miss.

IN FINE SPIRIT!

Just want to tell you what happened to me and my family Thanksgiving Day. I had arranged for a good program at the church at ten o'clock. A large congregation assembled at that time. When I entered the church to begin the service I noticed in front of the pulpit a great heap of all sorts of things. I could not imagine what it was all for. I began my program and in the midst of it Mrs. A. L. O'Brian arose and interrupted me with the request that she be allowed to speak. She announced that what I saw before me was a little token of the gratitude the church felt to God for their pastor and his wife and daughter. I am not surprised at anything good the Immanuel Church does; especially the women. I never received such a pounding in all my life. The many kind things said about this poor preacher made him feel mighty unworthy. To say that it was all appreciated hardly begins to express the feelings of our heart and it is now up to me to live up to the confidence expressed by faculty, student body, and members of the Immanuel Church, in their pastor and his family.

Immanuel Church will observe Victory Week and make a very earnest effort to collect the 75 Million Pledges. I would like to suggest that all our people read again the 8th chapter of Second Corinthians of a people who did not make their poverty an excuse for not giving but made it an occasion for really great giving. I called on our people last Sunday morning to pledge themselves anew to pay their pledges and there was a response that stirred all our hearts. The curse of God will be on people and churches who take advantage of any little excuse to keep from paying pledges made in the most solemn hour ever seen by Southern Baptists. We didn't get what we wanted the Education Commission to give us for the Woman's College but we are not going to let that stop

the payment of our pledges. I have taken the position that the Education Commission could not make a satisfactory distribution of an inadequate fund. I think most of our people feel that way about it. I was proud of the fact that Forest County, one of the smallest counties in the State and with only fifteen churches, was the second largest paid up counties in the state as reported in the Record last week. Our folks are not rich either. While the Delta section has been hard hit by the low price of lumber, a great many of our mills are shut down and many running only four days in the week and then at a loss or barely making expenses. Our main dependence around Hattiesburg is still the lumber business.

One main trouble about this whole matter of paying up is that we allowed our people to sign up their cards to be paid yearly instead of weekly. If I had had my way about this question I would have stressed weekly giving. I dare say that three fourths of all the pledge cards signed were to be paid yearly. Suppose the Delta had been paying by the weekly plan or any other part of the state instead of waiting to pay once a year. As we now have it we must put on once a year a high pressure campaign to collect these pledges and the loss is going to be great. There is but one scriptural plan of giving and that is regular, systematic proportionate, weekly giving. Let our churches adopt the scriptural plan and there will be no trouble about paying these pledges. Pardon me for writing so long a letter. I don't suppose my ideas will be worth very much to anybody else. Any way I am for the payment of our pledges. My personal pledge was twelve hundred dollars and if the Lord allows me to live I am going to pay it to the last cent if I have to wear old clothes and live on bread and water.

The thing I started out to tell you about was my pounding on Thanksgiving Day. I am thankful for my people and the opportunity for service here and for my friends and brethren with whom I am privileged to labor. With my heart's very best wishes for you always.

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CONCERNING HEALING OF THE SICK.

In Mathew 10th Chapter and 5th Verse Jesus Christ expressly charges the Twelve "Not to enter into the way of the Gentiles and as you go preach, heal the sick raise the dead as you have received freely give." This, as well as other passages shows that this was a special power given to the Apostles on their mission. It shows also, that anointing with "oil and prayer" was not practised among the Gentiles as you observe he charged them, "Not to enter into the way of the Gentiles." Some claim that this mission has never been revoked and if we had the faith they had we could do the same today. I admit that it has not been revoked, but do you see where it says that they will do these things if they have faith? I take it that it is not contingent to their faith but a special power given to them to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

In Mark 6:13, it says "And they cast out many devils and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them." Mark 16: 17-18. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; They shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." These verses show plainly that these scriptures apply to what is termed the miraculous period of Christianity or Apostolic period of the church. During this short period from the coming of the Holy Spirit to the death of the Apostles Christians had a special gift of the Holy Spirit, by which they could speak in tongues, raise the dead, cast out demons and perform other like miracles. If these Scriptures apply to all times why do not people who claim to heal the sick by "anointing and prayer", also raise the dead, cast out demons, speak in new tongues? But it can't be shown that any trustworthy Christian has claimed to exercise these powers since the days of the Apostles which time these gifts ended.

Healing the sick, raising the dead, seemed to have been confined largely to the Apostles and Elders at Jerusalem. They sent for Peter to heal Eneas and raise Dorcas from the dead.

James says, 5:14. "If any are sick, call the Elders of the church." It don't say laymen or deacons, but Elders. James wrote for Jews, Christian Jews. He wrote during the Apostolic period when the Elders or preachers still possessed the power of healing the sick. Much he wrote appealed to Jewish Christians at Jerusalem when there was no physician to speak of and healing was confined largely to the Priest, whose practices were contrary to Christian faith and teachings.

Lev. 14:18 "And the remnant of the oil that is in the Priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed; and the Priest shall make an atonement for him before the Lord."

Ex. 15:26, shows that the Jews

depended entirely upon God to heal all their sicknesses. This method of healing was never practised among Gentile Christians even by the Apostles themselves. Paul who was the Apostle to the Gentiles never practiced it among the Gentiles. He went off and left Trophimus his traveling companion sick at Miletus. (2 Timothy 4:20).

Why didn't he anoint him and heal him by prayer if it was as much a command as baptism?

When Timothy was sick Paul told him to take a little wine as a remedy (1 Timothy 5:23). Why did Paul not heal him by anointing with oil and prayer and do you suppose?

You see this was not God's way of healing under the new covenant and Christian practice. Christ did not use it in healing Peters wife's mother. Peter did not use it on Aeneas. (Acts 9:34).

In view of the fact Christ never commanded it nor any of the Apostles used it in any of the Gentile churches is good proof God never ordained it to be the means of healing under Gentile administration as the command was "Go not in the way of the Gentiles."

E. A. RUSHING.

NOON PRAYER MEETING.

Central Baptist Church Memphis, Tenn.

There came to the Noon Prayer in a recent morning mail, 30 letters from people in all walks of life, and representing many different interests and problems. These letters came from the following states:

Main, Texas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Arkansas, Montana, North Carolina, New Mexico, Washington, D. C., Florida, Tennessee, California, Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Oklahoma.

SOME TESTS.

We do not stress enough the daily things of life. There are some things that we need to do every day if we expect to grow as Christians and bear much fruit for God. Ask yourself the following questions and see how near you measure up to your duty:

- Do you daily take up your cross?
- Do you daily fight against sin?
- Do you daily Consecrate yourself to God?
- Do you daily watch yourself and not your neighbor?
- Do you daily try to imitate Christ?
- Do you daily read God's Word?
- Do you daily guard your thoughts?
- Are you daily busy for God?
- Do you daily sing praises to God?
- Do you daily endure temptations?
- Do you daily live above reproach?
- Do you daily renew the inner man?
- Do you daily rejoice in the Lord?
- Do you daily obey the Word of God?
- Do you daily humble yourself?
- Do you daily confess your sins?
- Do you daily do your best for God?
- Do you daily walk in the Light?
- Do you daily thank God for his mercy?
- Do you daily have family worship?
- Do you daily exhort one another?
- Do you daily bear with one another?
- Do you daily love one another?
- Do you daily pray for one another?
- Are you daily kind to one another?
- Do you daily try to make it easy for others to live right?

O. W. S.

Mrs. Sallie E. Moore.

"Our friend sleepeth."—Words that bring sorrow yet bright with hope; for the death of the Christian is only a sleep. And sleep means awakening.

Mrs. Moore, wife of C. H. Moore of the Fair River Community, Lincoln County fell asleep October 9th, 1920, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Kees, of Brookhaven, where she had come from her lovely country home just a week before the grief-at-parting came. It was hoped that under the immediate care of her only two living children—Mrs. Etta and Mrs. May Kees, and where she could have the close attention of both nurse and physician, her malady, which had prostrated her for several weeks, might be successfully combated, but alas, the tender ministering of devoted husband and children, and the skill of physician and nurse were of no avail in staying the last enemy which we call death.

But death has no rightful claim to victory in this case. For her, the victory over condemnation, death and the grave, had been won when in early life she gave herself to the Lord Jesus for salvation.

Her life of sixty-two years and six months, lacking three days, was active and useful. As wife and mother in the home; as friend and helper in the neighborhood; as a member of the Church and servant of her Lord, her praise was upon the lips of those who knew her best.

The church is saddened by her vacant seat. The Woman's Society feels the loss of her kindly counsel and the pastor mourns her going as of one we could hardly spare. But what must be the sorrow of the good man who walked in happiest companionship with her for thirty-eight years! And the dear daughters whose lives were so blest in having this gracious mother! All of us will sadly miss her. And the old home, made so attractive by her love of the beautiful in nature and art, will seem now as frost upon the fields, or shadows o'er the sun.

But there is the home where cometh no shadow, and where its beauties and glories abide forever. To this home we are hastening where the loved in Christ shall meet again.

The last words were spoken in the presence of a large company of sorrowing friends and the body now sleeps in the beautiful cemetery of our city.

"The strife is o'er, the battle done. The victory of life is won; The song of triumph has begun."

I. H. ANDING.

Brookhaven, Miss.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH AND FOREIGNERS

Foreigners, took an important part at Central Baptist church last Sunday. At Sunday School a young lady who belongs to the church brought her sister, a Spanish girl who could not understand a word of English, but she could understand the universal language hand-shake, and her face was wreathed in smiles, as after Sunday School, many spoke to her in this universal language.

At the close of the morning service a young Cuban, formerly a Roman Catholic, professed his faith in Christ,

and was received as a candidate for baptism.

At the night service Princess Rahme Raider from Syria thrilled a packed auditorium with her address, "Under Syrian Skies." She was assisted by Miss Lucile Burgess, a very talented American girl.

At this meeting the Cuban was baptized, who professed at the morning services. There was also baptized at this time, a man who came to Central church about eight weeks ago, the first time he had been in a church for twenty years. He found the Saviour at this time.

CHATTANOOGA.

The Evangelistic Campaign in the Baptist churches of Chattanooga closed November 21 with 750 additions to the church. The Rossville church led in number of additions—120 for baptism, 37 by letter. Pastor J. B. Tallent was helped by Evangelist E. S. P'Pool, Hattiesburg, Miss, and E. J. Johnston, Birmingham, Ala., of the Home Board.

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V.

**"HOW SHALL THEY PREACH EXCEPT THEY BE
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which we are just beginning work there are native preachers as follows: Roumania, 12; Hungary, 42; Jugoslavia, 9; Spain, 6; Palestine and Syria, 2.

IV.

**"PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HAR-
VEST TO SEND FORTH LABORERS"**

Some two score Baptist colleges and seminaries in the South are crowded with students whom we are training for Christian service. Prayer should be made that hundreds of these, perhaps thousands, should set their faces to the ripe harvest fields in other lands.

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BAPTIST PROGRESS IN THE DELTA.

The writer has held pastorates in the Delta now some twelve years, and knows something of its great needs and also of the wonderful progress of our Baptist cause. We have made a wonderful history for which every Baptist in the state ought to be proud.

What impressed me from the start was the urgent need of suitable houses of worship. Without these our cause was greatly hindered, as without these there could be no substantial growth.

When I first entered this territory, some twelve years ago, there was not a respectable house of worship in the entire Delta, except possibly at Greenwood. Now there are splendid houses of worship at Greenwood, Indianola, Ruleville, Drew, Sumner, Boyle, Cleveland, Shelby, Duncan, Clarksdale, Marks, Lambert and others. Houses of worship are now being erected at Leland, Morehead, Itta Bena and Belzoni.

As a matter of investment this territory has no doubt, paid back to the State Board more than double what the Board has spent. These churches have grown into great sources of financial help to all of our denominational enterprises, paying their thousands in the Lord's treasury. I can well remember that when appeals were made for financial help from the Board, the answer was often that "there is plenty of money in the Delta and they are well able to take care of themselves." This might be true but brethren forgot that the men holding this money were not converted or enlisted in church work, and could not be reached with shabby and poorly equipped churches. Not until we began building creditable churches did we make serious impressions upon the people. Thus a little money spent by the Board in places of growing importance has resulted in a hundred fold in numbers and money for the kingdom of God. It has been a wise and profitable investment of the Lord's money.

Likewise there are now scores of small and growing towns and rural districts, if given some little help to put them on their feet, would soon develop into growing and prosperous churches.

The population of the Delta has increased more than any other section of the state. People have poured into this section to till these fertile lands, and they are still coming.

Now while the low price of cotton and a bad crop year may be a setback it can be only temporary, for no country with such lands can but go forward. With such fertile lands, good roads and proper drainage there is nothing to keep this from being the garden spot of the state.

Besides with the material growth, there is the advancement in education and religion. Better schools and church houses have made wonderful progress. We see this on every hand and in almost every town and community. The morals of the country have likewise improved, and people can and do live as consecrated here as any where in the world. The stigma of wickedness and lawlessness is being

removed and Christianity is fast coming to the front.

With these facts before us, and with bright prospects ahead our Baptist forces are going forward knowing full well that we are "well able to take the land."

R. M. BOONE,
Marks, Miss.

CLINTON.

The Clinton Sunday school reached the high water mark last Sunday. 431 attendance, 320 on time, 292 bibles, 283 prepared lessons, 280 contributing, 307 attending preaching service. We are using the six-point record system, and are doing the most effective work I have ever seen. This system properly operated will revolutionize the work of any school. During the last month one or more classes each Sunday has made a perfect record on all of these points. Every effort is being made to reach and hold all the students in this work; and we ask that the parents of the boys and girls in Mississippi and Hillman colleges urge them to line up in the Sunday school work, if they have not already done so, for there are a few whom we have not yet reached.

A. K. GODBOLD, Supt.

JAMES CLIBURN.

It is with a feeling of sadness that I write these lines telling of the going home of our dear little Jim. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sebron Cliburn. After suffering twelve days from an intensive burn, he died Nov. 4, 1920, at the age of 2 years and 22 days. May God bind up the broken hearts and fill the vacant place with His holy spirit.

JAMES BARBER.

A GREAT REVIVAL.

One of the greatest revivals ever had at Sumner has just closed. The preacher got a grip on the church and the entire town and held it to the end. Brother T. L. Holcomb of Columbia was the preacher. He is clear cut and very definite in every sermon. He handles the Bible with much effectiveness. He had a message and it was bristling with its purpose. Our house, new and large auditorium, was full to the last seat. The results are, first it is the talk of the town, the praises are long and loud. Then the church was and is very much awake to their duty in all church life. Then there was twenty for baptism and six by letter and one by statement. Holcomb is a prince in and out of the pulpit.

Fraternally and in Christ,
W. R. COOPER.

Wm. W. CUPIT.

William W. Cupit, known by many as "Bill" departed from this life to life eternal on Nov. 22, 1920.

He had past three score. He had been sick several months and everything the medical profession could do for him was done but no cure could be had. He had been a Christian since early manhood and always saw the bright side of life. He leaves a wife, two sons, and two daughters: Mrs. W. W. Cupit, Verna, and R. T., at Perth, Miss.; Jno. T. Cupit of Jackson, and Mrs. Billie Barlow, of Star, Miss.

Rev. W. C. Taylor, of Madison, Fla. was called to the church at Royston, Ga. He has served this church twice before as pastor. His disclusion is not yet been made known.

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BOXES FOR ORPHANAGE

Owing to railroad equipment condition the Railroads will not furnish "free cars" this year, but will pick up locally donated on the following railroads and transport them free to the Baptist and Methodist Orphanages at Jackson:

Alabama & Mississippi from Leaks-ville to Vinegar Bend, Dec., 5th; Mississippi Eastern and line to Quitman, Dec. 6th; Mobile & Ohio, locally from Vinegar Bend to Waynesboro, Dec. 7th; then to Meridian on Dec. 8th. The N. O. & N. E. from Picayune to Hattiesburg, Dec. 7th, thence to Meridian on Dec. 8th. The A. & V. will carry from Hattiesburg to M. & O. and N. O. & N. E. at Meridian and pick up locally from there to Newton Dec. 10th. A car will run over the G. M. & N. and will work the A. & V. from Newton to Jackson.

At the Orphanage anything to eat and wear is needed except Sweet potatoes. Syrup is especially needed. Two young men of Oak Grove church collected a half barrel of syrup in their community in a little while.

The Woman's Missionary Unions, Sunday Schools and churches should appoint committees to solicit and properly pack the donations. Use the cash offerings taken at the Thanksgiving services to invest in syrup to be sent the Orphanage as they use about ten gallons daily in the two places, however the two churches could buy cloth to make up if preferred.

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W. H. PATTON,
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VICTORY WEEK.

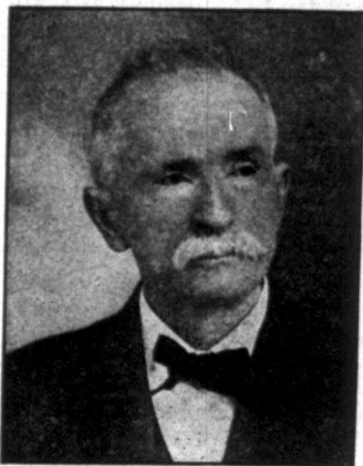
How I wish we would make "Victory Week" an annual matter, and from Thanksgiving night beginning with the Orphanage, we could study together each subject fostered by our churches. Having a leader or speaker who will study the subject given him, and make it a life helpful service advertise it, work it up, and make it a great memorial service to honor and glorify God. Why not? Come on let us do it.

A. A. O'BRIANT.

CARRIAGE.

Brother E. A. Petroff sang and preached for us from Nov. 8th to Nov. 17th. He did some good work. Then Evangelist J. T. Martin came and preached until the 25th. His messages, as usual, were clear and strong. There were four additions by letter and sixteen by baptism. Many others made professions. Our ingathering prior to the meeting had been large this year. The membership has increased about sixty-five per cent this year, and we hope to double it by the close of the year. We regret that Brother Martin and his spoken could not be with us longer, but they make a strong team.

B. GUNTER.



OSCAR DUBOSE BOWEN.

Sept. the 22nd, 1843 and Sept. the 5th, 1920. These dates mark the beginning and the ending of the earthly life of one of the best and most universally beloved; as well as one of the most useful and widely known Ministers of the Gospel who has ever labored in this section of Southeast Miss., and Southwest Ala. and also Southeast La. He spent about 49 years, his whole ministerial life in this section. He was the friend of all who were afflicted or distressed either in soul or body, and was a welcome guest in nearly every home in this wide region, although in his preaching he was true to his convictions as to the teaching of the Bible, and never padded the gospel sword, that it might fall softly or lightly on the neck of error. In the beginning of his ministry, Baptists and Protestants were few in number. The friends of the open saloon and lotteries were numerous and Sabbath desecration almost universal. All of these evils he strenuously opposed often with little, or no sympathy or help.

In Nov. 1880 he was commissioned as missionary by the State Convention Board and located at Handsboro, on the Gulf coast where we had a small, though noble little church. His field extended from Gainsville on Pearl River to Moss Point on the Escatawpa River covering a territory 95 miles long and containing a population of about 30,000. He continued in this field for six years, and altogether, for ten years. He was the only Missionary Baptist on the entire coast from the Tombigbee River in Ala., to Lake Ponchartrain in La. In his report to the convention at the close of the ten years service he says, "I have traveled 32,000 miles, made 5,500 visits for religious purposes, preached 1500 sermons, baptized 75 converts, walked hundreds of miles visiting from house to house, made hundreds of addresses, raised \$4,000 for missions, raised means to build three houses of worship. This quotation from the report to the Secretary of the State Convention, gives only a glimpse of the magnitude of the work he accomplished in this field, a full account of which would be almost a complete history of Baptist affairs in this section for the last fifty years. The fruit of his ministry is seen in such characters as Dr. B. D. Gray, whom he encouraged to enter college as a student for the ministry and afterwards helped to ordain. In Mrs. Andrew Allison, a missionary

now in China, Rev. W. H. Bostic, prominent preacher recently pastor at Hope, Ark.

Rev. A. H. Miller of Napoleon, Miss., and Dr. S. O. Y. Ray, who labored so efficiently in East Alabama. These with hundreds of others have felt the influence of his consecrated life. After the close of his active ministry as pastor of churches, he gave this brief summary of his life work. I have traveled more than one hundred thousand miles on foot, on horseback, in buggies and in railroad cars; served as pastor 27 churches, preached over 5,000 sermons, delivered hundreds of addresses, baptized over 1,000 persons on professions of faith, organized four churches, brought about the organization of two associations, built five church houses and raised the money to build three others and collected tens of thousands of dollars for religious purposes, was missionary of the State Convention for 17 years and served as Moderator several times for three different associations. He wrote frequently for our religious papers. Put in permanent form for distribution his addresses on "The Baptists—What They Believe and Why They Believe It," "The Holy Spirit and Missions," "The New Testament Idea of a Good Man," "Historical Sketches of Baptist History on our Gulf Coast and in New Orleans, La., and History of Gulf Coast Baptist Association, with some others which are valuable as historical data. During a good portion of this season of labor he carried in his body a leaden bullet received in the battle of Peach Tree Creek which gave him great pain, but was afterwards removed by the skill of modern surgery, but at the time it was received was pronounced to be fatal and he was given up to die, but to the astonishment of all who saw him at the time he recovered and rejoined his regiment, the 3d Mississippi, and remained with it to the end of the war. His career as a soldier was faithful like his ministry, and the fortitude and courage so prominent in his life were exhibited in both. Since the death of his noble wife some 14 years ago, and who was such a help to him in his arduous work, he has made his home with his children, a daughter and son, and was honored and loved by all the members of the First Baptist Church of Gulfport, of which he was a member, and the people of the entire community. His funeral was a simple prayer service at the home of his son, Deacon B. C. Bowen, conducted by his pastor, Dr. Mahoney, and the writer, (as he was opposed to public funerals,) and we laid his body to rest beside that of his beloved wife in the cemetery at Handsboro, there to await the trumpet call of the resurrection, when we shall meet to part no more.

W. C. GRACE.

IN MEMORY OF LITTLE GEORGE CARLISLE.

It is with a feeling of deep sadness that we write these few lines of our schoolmate, who departed this life very suddenly on Friday, Nov. 26th. He was only 12 years of age and very devoted to his parents and brothers. He leaves father, mother and four brothers to mourn his loss. May the Lord

bind up the broken hearts and fill the vacant places with his Holy Spirit.

CLARA HUTSON,
HAZEL FERGUSON.

Brother T. L. Wooten has resigned after three years in the pastorate of Erlanger, Ky., and is making his home temporarily in Jackson, Miss. He is desirous of locating in a pastorate in Mississippi where the climate is more congenial.

RESOLUTIONS.

Martha J. Gordon was born Sept. 23, 1854. She married to L. S. James Oct. 17, 1872. She joined Rock Branch Church 1879 and was baptized by Rev. J. M. Moore. Later she moved her membership to Union Baptist Church where she lived until God called her to her Heavenly Home, on May 21, 1920. She leaves a husband, a son, and five grandchildren to mourn their loss. Whereas our Heavenly Father in infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst Sister Martha Gordon James, and

Whereas, in her taking away the town has lost a respected and valued citizen the church a consecrated and faithful member, and her husband and family a true and devoted wife and mother, therefore be it resolved

That we the Union Baptist Church Union, Miss., hereby express our great esteem for her life and labor in our faith and loyalty to her church, and midst, our sincere appreciation for her our high regard for her love and devotion for her husband and family. We bow to God's will realizing that "He doeth all things well" when He took her higher. Though we miss her, we rejoice over her life when we know that she has already heard those words of welcome: "Well done thou good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Resolved 2nd, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy spread on the minutes of the church, and a copy sent to the Baptist Record for publication,

MRS. H. L. MAJORS,
MRS. J. D. WALLACE,
E. C. COOPER.

A business man advertised for a boy the other night.

When he arrived at the office the next morning there were some fifty boys already in line.

He opened his desk and was just about to begin examining the applicants, when his stenographer handed him a card on which was scribbled:

"Don't do anything until you see me. I'm the last kid in line, but I'm telling you I'm there with the goods."

They were not exactly the friendliest of neighbors, and one day the following note came from Jones to Smith:

"Mr. Jones presents his compliments to Mr. Smith and asks will he kindly shoot his dog, as he keeps Mr. Jones and his family awake?"

Whereupon Smith returned the following note:

"Mr. Smith presents his compliments to Mr. Jones and begs to inform the latter that he will be very glad to shoot his dog if Mr. Jones will poison his daughter and burn her piano."